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Form AEC-1
(11-51)

UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Form approved.
Budget Bureau No. 38-R001.3.

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS.—All sections must be completed. Write "None" when applicable. Type or print all answers. If space not adequate for complete answers, attach a supplemental sheet to this form. All addresses must show street number, street, city, and State.

1. NAME (Last, first, middle)

HEIMS, Richard McGarran WA 67749

2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)

Nicknames: "Dick", "Rich"

3. PRESENT ADDRESS

DATE

105 West Bradley Lane
Chevy Chase, Maryland 12 Jan. 1953

4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 15 YEARS

DATE

4014 Winthrop Ave., Indianapolis Fall of '37
Indiana to Sept. 1939
4030 N. Pennsylvania St., Sept. 1939 to
Indianapolis, Indiana Aug. 1940
321 E. 59th St., Indianapolis Aug. 40-Feb. 42
562 Irving Terrace, S. Orange, Feb. 42 to
New Jersey April 1943
364 Fairview Ave., Orange, NJ Apr. 43-Mar. 46
(I boarded part-time at 2620 Foxhall Road,
Washington, D. C. Aug. 1943 - Jan. 45)
N 105 West Bradley Lane,
Chevy Chase, Maryland Mar. 46-present

Closing letter to
Atomic Energy Commission
MAR 20 1953

5. DESCRIPTION: (Check which) ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE

| RACE | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | COLOR EYES | COLOR HAIR |
|-------|--------|--------|------------|------------|
| White | 6'1" | 165 | Brown | Brown |

6. (Check which)

☐ SINGLE ☐ DIVORCED
☒ MARRIED ☐ WIDOW(ER)

7. BIRTH DATE

DAY MONTH YEAR
30 March 1913

8. BIRTHPLACE (City, county, State, and country)

St. Davids, Delaware County
Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

9. CITIZENSHIP: U. S. ☒ ALIEN ☐

IF U. S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER:

(A) BY BIRTH ☒

(C) BY NATURALIZATION ☐

(B) DERIVATIVE ☐

PETITION NO.

DATE

DATE

CERTIFICATE NO.

CERTIFICATE NO.

PLACE

PLACE

IF ALIEN, INDICATE

ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.

DATE

PORT OF ENTRY

10. DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED

U. S. Naval Reserve

11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

12. PERMANENT STATION AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE

Not Applicable

12A. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)

SERIAL NO.

BRANCH

FROM (Yr.)

TO (Yr.)

13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)

170590

U. S. N. R.

1942 1946

| NAME OF SCHOOL | ADDRESS | FROM (Yr.) | TO (Yr.) | DEGREES |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Carteret Academy | Carteret Place, Orange, N. J., U.S.A. | 1920 | 1929 | N.A. |
| Le Rosey | Rolle, Vaud, Switzerland | 1929 | 1930 | N.A. |
| Realgymnasium | Freiburg i/Breisgau, Germany | 1930 | 1931 | N.A. |
| Williams College | Williamstown, Massachusetts | 1931 | 1935 | B.A. |

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14. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates including present employment and ALL dates and addresses when unemployed.) Give name under which employed if different from name now used.

| DATE FROM-TO | NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION) | TYPE OF WORK | ADDRESS (Where employed) | REASON FOR LEAVING |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| Aug. 43 to date | OSS, SSU, CIG, CIA | Intelligence | Washington, D.C. | Presently employed |
| Sept. 42 to Aug 43 | U. S. Navy (Hq. Eastern Sea Frontier) | Naval Officer | New York, N. Y. | Transferred by order to OSS. |
| July - Sept. 42 | U. S. Naval Training School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. | | | |
| May-June 1942 | Preparing to go on activity duty in Navy. | | | |
| Feb-May 1942 | Navy Relief Society (Fund raising drive) | Public Relations & Publicity | 5th Ave. at 57th New York, N. Y. | Drive completed. (Casual employment, awaiting naval commission.) |
| Apr. 37-Feb. 42 | Indianapolis Times Publishing Co. | Newspaper - advertising | 214 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis, Ind. | To enter U. S. Navy. |
| Sept. 35-Mar. 37 | United Press Associations | Reporting (Foreign) | Daily News Bldg., N.Y., N.Y. | Resigned to return to US from Europe for Personal Reasons. |

15. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Excludes of military service)

| COUNTRY | DATE LEFT U. S. A. | DATE RETURNED U. S. A. | PURPOSE |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Switzerland, Germany | May 1929 | June 1931 | School |
| Paris, France & Surrey, England | July 1934 | Sept. 1934 | Vacation |
| Scandinavian Countries | June 1935 | Aug. 1935 | Vacation |
| London, England | Sept. 1935 | Nov. 1935 | Press Correspondent |
| Berlin, Germany | Nov. 1935 | March 1937 | Press Correspondent |

16. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP (Include all organizations not a membership and all past membership during the last 15 years in organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations)

| NAME | ADDRESS | TYPE | FROM— | TO— | OFFICE HELD |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------|---------|-------------|
| Phi Psi | Williamstown, Mass. | Fraternity | 1931 | 1935 | Member |
| Phi Beta Kappa | " " | Scholastic Society | 1934 | Present | Member |
| Gargoyle Soc. | " " | Honorary Society | 1935 | 1935 | President |
| Woodstock Club | Indianapolis, Ind. | Country Club | 1940 | 1942 | Member |
| Literary Club | " " | Literary | 1938 | 1942 | Member |
| Traders Point Hunt Club | " " | Hunting | 1940 | 1942 | Member |
| Indianapolis Athletic Club | " " | Businessman's Club | 1937 | 1942 | Member |

17. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835? (For your convenience, there is attached to this questionnaire as Appendix A, the current list of such organizations. Appendix A is hereby made an integral part of this Personnel Security Questionnaire.)

NO

Answer "Yes" or "No"

18. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION?

NO

Answer "Yes" or "No"

19. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION

NO

Answer "Yes" or "No"

20. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OR OF ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH HAS ADOPTED A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF SEEKING TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY

UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

NO

Answer "Yes" or "No"

21. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTIONS 17, 18, 19, OR 20 IS "YES," STATE THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION, DATES OF MEMBERSHIP, AND EXTENT OF PARTICIPATION. AN EXPLANATION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP IN ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE ATTACHED HERETO ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, IF YOU DESIRE TO EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

| NAME | ADDRESS | FROM— | TO— | OFFICE HELD |
|------|---------|-------|-----|-------------|
|------|---------|-------|-----|-------------|

22. RELATIVES (Parents, spouse, divorced spouse, children, brothers, and sisters, living or dead. Name of spouse should include maiden name and any other names by previous marriage.)

| RELATION | NAME IN FULL | AGE | ADDRESS | COUNTRY OF BIRTH | PRESENT CITIZENSHIP |
|----------|--------------------------|-----|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Father | Herman Henry Adolf Helms | 69 | 295 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey | U. S. A. | American |
| Mother | Marion McGarrah Helms | 63 | 295 Tillou Road, South Orange, New Jersey | U. S. A. | American |
| Wife * | Julia B. Helms | 45 | 105 W. Bradley Lane Chevy Chase, Maryland | U. S. A. | American |
| | | | | U. S. A. | American |
| | | | | U. S. A. | American |
| | | | | U. S. A. | American |
| Brother | Rowland Pearshall Helms | 35 | 113 Roundtree Street Wilson, North Carolina | U. S. A. | American |
| Brother | Gates McGarrah Helms | 27 | 17 West 9th Street New York 11, New York | U. S. A. | American |

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23. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)

| NAME | ADDRESS | YEARS KNOWN |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| Frank G. Wigner | 3327 P Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. | 7 |
| (S) [Redacted] | (S) [Redacted] | 17 |
| Eric W. Tamm | 4177 Vacation Lane, Arlington, Virginia | 7 |

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24. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, INDICTED, OR SUMMONED INTO COURT AS A DEFENDANT IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING, OR CONVICTED, FINED OR IMPRISONED OR PLACED ON PROBATION IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH A PROCEEDING, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED OR REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT BAIL OR COLLATERAL FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY LAW, POLICE REGULATION OR ORDINANCE (EXCLUDING MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS)?

NO

IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES," LIST ALL SUCH CASES IN ITEM 25. IN EACH CASE GIVE: (1) THE CHARGE OR NATURE OF THE OFFENSE; (2) THE DATE; (3) THE PLACE WHERE ARRESTED; (4) DISPOSITION OR THE PENALTY IMPOSED, IF ANY.

25. ARRESTS (Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)

| CHARGE | DATE | PLACE WHERE ARRESTED | DISPOSITION |
|--------|------|----------------------|-------------|
| | | | |

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT, AND WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT MAY BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF MY APPLICATION OR DISMISSAL AFTER EMPLOYMENT; FURTHER, THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE.

12 January 1953

(DATE)

(USUAL SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRE)
(Sign original only)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

NAME OF AGENCY OR FIRM

Central Intell. Agency

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES (Description should not reveal classified information)

For access to info relative to Project "Green" Device-80.

ADDRESS

Wash, D. C.

WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA?

☒ YES ☐ NO

WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXCLUSION AREA?

☒ YES ☐ NO

(Check the one block applicable)

☐ FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED

☐ T-1 ATTACHED (RESULTS OF F. B. I. FINGER-PRINT FILE CHECK)

☐ T-2 ATTACHED

DO NOT COMPLETE SPACE BELOW

REFERRED TO F. B. I.

RECEIVED FROM F. B. I.

(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL REQUESTING CLEARANCE)

(SIGNATURE OF AEC LIAISON C R) (When appropriate)

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Richard McGarrah Helms

22. RELATIVES.

| <u>Relation</u> | <u>Name in Full</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Country of Birth</u> | <u>Present Citizenship</u> |
|-----------------|--|------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sister | Elizabeth Helms Hawn | 37 | P. O. Box 108 Cooperstown New York | U. S. A. | American |
| Wife | Julia Bretzman (Maiden) Shields (1st Marriage) (Frank Shields) (divorced 25Jul48 Martinsville, Helms (present) DOB-8 April 1907 Indianapolis, Ind. | 45 | | | Ind. |

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

2-10-53

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SAC,

AIR MAIL

WASHINGTON FIELD

RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS - WA 67729

AKA: "Dick", "Rich"
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy. The deadline in this case is

3-3-53.

Present address:

Birthdate and birthplace: 3/30/1913 - St. Davids, Delaware County Pa.

Social Security Number:

3/30/1913 - St. Davids, Delaware County Pa.

(5) Firm to employ and position involved:

Intelligence, Central Intell.
Agency, Washington, D. C.

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ATTACHMENT

- cc: 1 - INDIANAPOLIS
1 - NEWARK
1 - NEW YORK CITY
1 - BOSTON
1 - BALTIMORE
1 - CHARLOTTE
1 - ALBANY
1 - RICHMOND
1 - PHILADELPHIA
1 - NEW HAVEN
1 - HOUSTON
1 - MINNEAPOLIS

DVE:mmh

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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RE: RICHARD MCCLARRAN HELMS - WA 67749
AKA: "Dick", "Rich"
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

WASHINGTON FIELD: See urfile 118-1108.

INDIANAPOLIS: See urfiles 118-234 and 118-221.

NEWARK: See urfile 118-526.

NEW YORK CITY: See urfiles 118-1394 and 118-1435.

BOSTON: See urfile 118-831.

BALTIMORE: Relatives: Wife, Julia B. Helms (45) 105 W. Bradley Lane Chevy Chase, Maryland. - [redacted]

- See urfile 118-982.

CHARLOTTE: Relatives: Brother, Rowland Fearsall Helms (35) 113 Roundtree Street Wilson, North Carolina.

ALBANY: Relatives: Sister, Elisabeth Helms Mann (37) P.O. Box 100 Cooperstown, New York. - See urfile 118-362.

RICHMOND: References: Eric W. Timm, 4177 Vacation Lane, Arlington, Virginia, 7 years.

PHILADELPHIA: See urfile 118-720.

NEW HAVEN: See urfile 118-394.

HOUSTON: See urfile 118-102.

MIDNEAPOLIS: See St. Paul Office file 118-297 and rep. SA Robert E. Wick dated 12-15-47.

ATTENTION ALL OFFICES: An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning HELMS in 1947. The Washington Field Office will bring this investigation up-to-date and include information from their previous investigation in the report to be submitted. All other offices wherein investigation was previously conducted concerning HELMS will submit reports reflecting the results of their previous investigation under the title of instant communication.

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ROUTING SLIP

FD-4

(2-17-47)

Date 3/9 1953Memo To: **BUREAU**

 SAC
 ASAC
 Supervisor
 Agent
 Steno
 Clerk
 Chief Clerk

Title: RICHARD MC. GARRAN HELMS
WA
AEA-A

File No. ACTION DESIRED

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|--|--|
| <u> </u> Assign to <u> </u> | <u> </u> Open Case |
| <u> </u> Acknowledge | <u> </u> Prepare assignment cards |
| <u> </u> Bring File | <u> </u> Prepare Tickler |
| <u> </u> Call Me | <u> </u> Reassign to <u> </u> |
| <u> </u> See Me | <u> </u> Recharge serials |
| <u> </u> Correct | <u> </u> Search and Return |
| <u> </u> Delinquent | <u> </u> Send serials <u> </u> |
| <u> </u> Expedite | <u> </u> to <u> </u> |
| <u> </u> File | <u> </u> Submit new charge-out |
| <u> </u> Leads need attention | <u> </u> Submit report by <u> </u> |
| | <u> </u> Type |
| | <u> </u> Return Serials |
| <u> </u> Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention. | |

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S.A.C. Office *nt*

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ROUTING SLIP

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(2-17-47)

BUREAUDate 2/11/53 19

Memo To:

☐ SAC
☐ ASAC
☐ Supervisor
☐ Agent
☐ Steno
☐ Clerk
☐ Chief Clerk

Title: RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS
WA-67749, Aka
AEA-A

File No. ACTION DESIRED

| | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assign to <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Case |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledge | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare assignment cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring File | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Tickler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call Me | <input type="checkbox"/> Reassign to <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Me | <input type="checkbox"/> Recharge serials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and Return |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent | <input type="checkbox"/> Send serials <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedite | <input type="checkbox"/> to <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> File | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit new charge-out |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leads need attention | <input type="checkbox"/> Submit report by <u> </u> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Type |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Return Serials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention. | |

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S.A.C. RICHMOND
 Office

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ROUTING SLIP

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(5-12-52)

Date

7/12

, 19

Memo To:

Bureau -

SAC

Title:

RICHARD MCGARRA
HELMS

ASAC

Supervisor

Agent

WA 67749

Steno

Clerk

Chief Clerk

AEAA

Special Employee

File No.

ACTION DESIRED

Assign to

Open Case

Acknowledge

Prepare Tickler

Bring File

Reassign to

Call Me

Recharge serials

See Me

Search and Return

Correct

Send serials

Delinquent

to

Expedite

Submit new charge-out

File

Submit report by

Leads need attention

Type

Read, Initial and

Return Serials

Return

Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

Rebulet to

WFO

Dated

7/10/53.

No Record Albany

Indices of Relatives

E. J. Powers

Albany

S.A.C.

Office

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ROUTING SLIP

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(2-17-47)

Date February 13, 19 53.

Memo To:

____ SAC
____ ASAC
____ Supervisor
____ Agent
____ Steno
____ Clerk
____ Chief Clerk
Director, FBI

Title: RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS-
WA 67749, aka "Dick", "Rich"
AEA-A

File No. _____

ACTION DESIRED

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| ____ Assign to _____ | ____ Open Case |
| ____ Acknowledge | ____ Prepare assignment cards |
| ____ Bring File | ____ Prepare Tickler |
| ____ Call Me | ____ Reassign to _____ |
| ____ See Me | ____ Recharge serials |
| ____ Correct | ____ Search and Return |
| ____ Delinquent | ____ Send serials _____ |
| ____ Expedite | to _____ |
| ____ File | ____ Submit new charge-out |
| ____ Leads need attention | ____ Submit report by _____ |
| | ____ Type |
| | ____ Return Serials |
| ____ Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention. | |

LHE:ms

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W. A. MURPHY
CHARLOTTE

S.A.C. _____
Office _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/2/53

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: Richard McGarrak Helms - WA-67749

Bureau File #

Deadline Date: 3/3/53

This case will be delinquent because *confidential informants*
presently unavailable, and lead outstanding
ONI.

Report will reach the Bureau by the following date: 3/12/53.

WFO File # 118-3108

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC,
W.F.O.

(Your file

) DATE MAR 9 1953

FROM : Director, FBI 116-371389

HANDLE AS AIR TEL

SUBJECT: RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS + WA - 67749
AEAA

- () The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

Report submitted _____

Report will be submitted 3/13/53.

Reason for delay confidential informants
temporarily unavailable.

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- () Surep immediately.

(X) SUREP TO REACH BUREAU BY 3/15 OR AN EXPLANATION WILL BE REQUESTED.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC,
SAN FRANCISCO

(Your file

) DATE MAR 11 1953

FROM : Director, FBI

116-371389

HANDLE AS AIR TEL

SUBJECT:

RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749
AFSA

- () The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to immediately submit a report. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau.

No Report submitted - *see SF letter 3-6-53. (Ruc)*

Report will be submitted _____

Reason for delay _____

- () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
- () Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
- () Surep immediately.

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| MAR 11 1953 | |
| FBI - SAN FRANCISCO | |

(X) SUREP TO REACH BUREAU BY 3/14/53 OR AN EXPLANATION WILL BE REQUESTED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 18, 1953

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (116-17967)

SUBJECT: RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749
aka., "Dick", "Rich"
AEAA

Reference is made to Baltimore airtel dated March 2, 1953.

The files of the Minneapolis Office contain no information concerning the applicant under any variations of his name as furnished by referenced airtel.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUREAU

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|---|----------------------------------|---|---|
| REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA | DATE WHEN MADE 2/16/53 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/13/53 | REPORT MADE BY J. ROBERT PEARCE (HKF) |
| TITLE RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS - WA-67749, aka "Dick," "Rich" | | | CHARACTER OF CASE AEAA |

EXPOSITION OF FACTS

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field dated February 10, 1953.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA WAYNE G. HUNT.

At Harrisburg, Pa.

Birth

Records of the Pennsylvania State Bureau of Vital Statistics reflect that RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS was born March 30, 1913, in Radnor Township, Delaware County, Pa., the son of HERMAN HENRY ADOLF HELMS and MARION MCGARRAH. Both parents were born in New York.

AGENCY Delaware State
 REQ. REC'D 12/26/52
 REP'T FORW. 12/27/52
 BY [Signature]

- RUC -

Atomic Energy Commission
MAR 2 1953

AGENCY 100-100
 REQ. REC'D 10-26-52
 REP'T FORW. 11-1-52
 BY [Signature]

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <u>R. J. A. [Signature]</u> | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT ⑤ - Bureau 1 - Philadelphia (116-32989) 1cc Destroyed 88 89 88 89 | | 116-371389-3 1953 |
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RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749
aka, "Dick", "Rich"
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Rebulet to Washington Field dated 2/10/53.

A review of information in possession of this office reflects that by letter dated May 22, 1947, the Bureau forwarded to New York a copy of a letter from one [redacted]

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[redacted] letter, dated April 8, 1947, was directed to the Honorable THOMAS D'ALESSANDRO, JR., who was then a former member of Congress from the Third Congressional District of Maryland, and who is presently the Mayor of the City of Baltimore.

In the first two paragraphs of his letter [redacted] advised that he had some confidential information to give regarding a matter which had caused him trouble in the past. He indicated his reluctance to give the information, but stated that he felt it was his duty to his country to do so.

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[redacted] then stated that the story began when he served with [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that he thought his work was progressing well, but that after exerting a lot of energy and risking the lives of many good people, he found that the results of his work were being marked "Biased and unreliable source" and were consequently being placed in the "Not used File". He stated that he received no criticism for his work, so he "chased" the reports from Berlin HQ to Heidelberg, from Heidelberg to Washington, and in each case found all reports were landing in the "Not used File". He stated he began to see a definite pattern, an organized effort to sidetrack factual, unfavorable information about the Soviet Union. He stated that he had established in his own conscience that the men who were responsible for the sidetracking of the information were "fellow-travelers to say the least". [redacted] then listed the following names:

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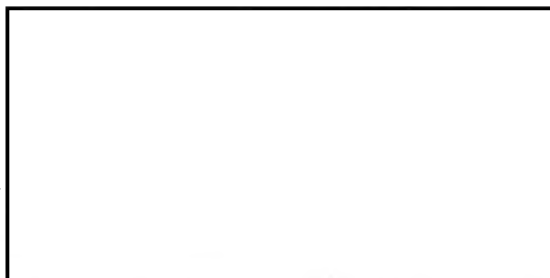
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RICHARD HELMS, "right hand man and
advisor" (Believed to be applicant)

After returning from overseas [] stated that he intended to speak to Mr. HELMS (believed to be applicant) about his ideas. He wrote to HELMS stating that he wanted to give him a "complete report", and he requested to be assured that the organization was not being infiltrated by Communists. [] claimed that he asked HELMS to reserve sometime so that [] could speak to him. However, when [] arrived in Washington, he was transferred the same day to []. He stated that HELMS gave a bad show of being surprised at this turn of events. [] inferred that this transfer was not a coincidence.

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[] then concluded his letter with an appeal to have some investigation conducted so that our government would not suffer "a great deal of harm"

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It is requested that San Francisco interview [] at his residence, [] or at [] where, in 1947, he stated he was employed. It should be definitely established whether one HELMS referred to in [] letter is identical with the applicant. In the event [] is no longer located in the San Francisco area, it is requested that appropriate leads be set out to locate him. In addition, it is suggested that the source of the information set forth above not be disclosed to []. He should be interviewed as a former associate of HELMS in OSS and SSU and his comments regarding character, loyalty, and associates set forth.

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The applicant is described as follows:

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| Born | March 30, 1913 |
| Address | St. Davids, Pennsylvania 105 West Bradley Lane Chevy Chase, Md. |
| Graduated | Williams College, Massachusetts 1935 |
| Wife | JULIA R. HELMS, aka Julia Shields |
| Agency Involved | Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. |

UACB, New York will not report the contents of [] letter, but San Francisco will report [] first-hand comments.

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It should be noted also that in 1947 the Bureau advised by letter to Washington Field dated December 7, 1947, that the applicant was identical with the Baltimore Office's file #100-12391. The Bureau advised at that time that particular care should be exercised to insure that it does not become apparent that the applicant was a subject of a pending security matter investigation.

Copies of this letter are being furnished for informational purposes to the Baltimore and Washington Field Offices.

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| REPORT MADE AT BOSTON | DATE WHEN MADE 2/26/53 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/16,17/53 | REPORT MADE BY ROBERT F. SANDERS pmm |
| TITLE RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS-WA-67749. aka. "Dick", "Rich" | | | CHARACTER OF CASE ATA A |

Synopsis of facts:

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field dated February 10, 1953.

DETAILS: EDUCATION

Mr. RAYMOND R. R. BROOKS, Dean, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, advised that the applicant was a student at this institution from September 28, 1931 to June 17, 1935, at which time he graduated and received an A. B. Degree, Magna Cum Laude. His major subject was English. The applicant's scholastic record indicated that he received several honors and awards for his outstanding character, services to the school, community spirit, etc. The applicant was a member of the college Phi Beta Kappa, an honorary fraternity; President of the Gargoyle Club, an Honor Society and was his Class President. He also served as Editor-in-Chief of both the college yearbook and the undergraduate organ. He was recorded as having been born at St. Davids, Pennsylvania, on March 30, 1913. His prior educational background was given as the Institution Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, from 1929 to 1930, and under the tutelage of a private tutor from 1930 to 1931.

A certificate from the Institution Le Rosey, Rolle, Switzerland, indicated the applicant had attended

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that school from September, 1929 to July, 1930. He pursued a course of studies of academic subjects and was highly recommended by the principal of the Institute, Mr. H. CARNAL. The college files contained no verification of the applicant's attendance at the Realgymnasium, Freiburg, Germany.

The 1935 issue of the "Gulielmensiam", Williams College yearbook, set forth that in the class election the applicant was the choice of his classmates in the following designations:

1. The class member who had done the most for Williams
2. The most respected class member
3. Most brilliant class member (3rd choice)
4. Most versatile (2nd choice)
5. Most likely to succeed
6. Class politician
7. Had biggest drag with the faculty (2nd choice)

Mr. FREDERICK C. COPELAND, Director of Admissions, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, and a classmate of the applicant, recalled the applicant as an outstanding member of the class of 1935. He described the applicant as a very popular student of excellent character and associates and one whose conduct and expressions never gave rise to any question about his loyalty to the United States.

Mr. WHITNEY S. STODDARD, Art Instructor and member of the class of 1935, Williams College, described the applicant as a high-ranking member of his class, a man of excellent associations, and one whose character, integrity and loyalty were on a high plane. He stated that the applicant was a man who had traveled widely and recalled that after his graduation he served as a correspondent for the United Press in Germany in 1936. Mr. STODDARD also advised that to his knowledge, the applicant's foreign travel had not induced him toward sympathy for any foreign system of Government.

Mr. NELSON S. BUSHNELL, Professor, Williams College, recalled the applicant as an outstanding student of excellent character. Mr. BUSHNELL had no reason to doubt the applicant's loyalty to the United States.

REFERENCE

Mr. JOHN C. GEILFUSS, an attorney in the firm of Herrick, Smith, Donald, Farley, and Letchum, 1 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised he has been well acquainted with the applicant since they entered Williams College together as classmates and graduated in 1935. Mr. GEILFUSS was in close association with the applicant during their college years being in the same class, fraternities, honor societies, and extra-curricular activities. Mr. GEILFUSS stated that he had been in constant correspondence with the applicant and during World War II lived with the applicant in Washington, D. C. for a period of time when both were members of the armed forces. During their college years, the applicant was recognized as being the outstanding man in the class and in his senior year was President of his class, President of Gargoyle, an honor society, and recognized as a good scholar. Upon graduation, the applicant entered the employment of the United Press as a staff correspondent in Europe, serving primarily in Berlin, Germany. Mr. GEILFUSS further stated that after about two years of this type of work, the applicant decided the future for foreign correspondents was decidedly limited and thereupon returned to the United States and took employment with the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, specifically as the Advertising Manager of the paper in Indianapolis, Indiana. The applicant remained in this employment until 1942 when he entered the U. S. Navy as a Lieutenant (JG) and assigned to the Office of Naval Intelligence, New York City. Since his separation from the service the applicant has been employed by the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D. C.

According to Mr. GEILFUSS, the applicant is the highest caliber gentleman of his acquaintance. He is thoroughly honest, reliable, trustworthy, sincere and conscientious. His loyalty to the United States is above reproach. Mr. GEILFUSS stated on numerous occasions he discussed domestic and international politics and ideologies with the applicant and at no time during these discussions did the applicant voice any opinion contrary to the recognized policy of the United States Government. He is in full sympathy with the ideologies of the United States and Mr. GEILFUSS is firm in his statement that there was no trace of any other political ideals in the applicant's mind as expressed by this conversational thoughts.

Both Mr. GEILFUSS and the applicant were classmates of one CARL MARZANI who was convicted in 1947 while an employee of the United States State Department on the charge of withholding his affiliation with the Communist Party. According to Mr. GEILFUSS, the applicant never associated particularly with MARZANI and never voiced acquiescence to MARZANI's ideas which, during the latter's college years were radical. The applicant was not at all sympathetic to MARZANI at the time of his conviction. A letter was circularized to all graduates of Williams College in the Class of 1935 by one SWEZY, a lecturer at Harvard, petitioning clemency for MARZANI, and it is known to Mr. GEILFUSS that the applicant was not in accord with these views as expressed in this letter.

Mr. GEILFUSS continued by stating that the applicant is a man who could be trusted with any type of confidential mission or information. The financial background of the applicant's family is such that the applicant does not work for the Government out of necessity, but rather he likes public service and the type of work in which he is currently engaged and has decided to make it his career. Mr. GEILFUSS desires to give the applicant the highest type of recommendation possible.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. JOHN F. DINGWALL, former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 161 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts, stated that he graduated from Williams College with the class of 1937 and that he was acquainted with the applicant in college and recalls him to be very well thought of at the time and to be exceptionally active in college affairs and functions. Mr. DINGWALL stated the applicant's sister is married to a very close friend of his, one Dr. HAWN, who is known to Mr. DINGWALL as a high type gentleman. The applicant was two years ahead of DINGWALL in college and at the time DINGWALL was acquainted with him and advised that the applicant was of the highest type in every respect. Mr. DINGWALL further stated that he has not had any close association with the applicant since graduation from college and recalls that while at college the applicant was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Gargoyle, an honor society, and active in several other campus activities.

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Mr. DINGWALL recalls that the applicant was a classmate of CARL A. MARZANI, who on May 15, 1947 was convicted as a State Department official on eleven counts of failing to disclose his Communist Party affiliation in the Federal Loyalty Test. Mr. DINGWALL recalls that MARZANI was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Gargoyle, which latter society in 1935 had 22 members which met weekly. MARZANI was an agitator type in college and active in many extra-curricular activities. However, Mr. DINGWALL recalls that the applicant was not especially friendly with MARZANI, but of necessity was associated with him to some degree due to the smallness of Williams College and the club-like atmosphere of its various groups and functions.

CREDIT

Mr. D. E. WOODARD, Manager, Certified Credit Service, North Adams, Massachusetts, advised the files of that agency contained no record for the applicant.

Personnel of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that the files of that agency contained no record for the applicant.

CRIMINAL

Mrs. HELEN FERGUSON, Probation Officer, Williamstown, Massachusetts, checked the arrest files of her office with negative results.

Personnel of the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, Boston, a central repository for all criminal arrest records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised the files of that agency reflect that one RICHARD HELMS, who was born March 30, 1913, at St. Davids, Pennsylvania, 5f 295 Tiflow Street, South Orange, New Jersey, was fined on June 5, 1935, in the amount of \$10, which he paid for violation of Section 116-A. It should be noted that this is a violation of the motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS, WA - Aka, AFAA. REBULET TO WFO 2/10/53 AND
UNDATED NY LETTER TO SF RECEIVED BY BA 2/26/53. FOR INFO OF SF, BA
OPENED A SM-C INVESTIGATION ON RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS IN MAY, 1947
ON BASIS OF BULET TO BA 5/22/47, WHICH TRANSMITTED A COPY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE D'ALESSANDRO AND A BUREAU MEMO
REFLECTING INFO IN WAR DEPARTMENT RECORDS. INVESTIGATION THAT CASE
REFLECTS RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS' IDENTICAL WITH APPLICANT. IN
OCT. 1947 [REDACTED]
WAS INTERVIEWED AT [REDACTED] AT WHICH TIME HE
FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFO AS IS SET OUT IN REFERENCED
NY LETTER. BA WILL REPORT THE INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] CONDUCTED IN
OCT. 1947. THE SM-C INVESTIGATION OF HELMS BY THE BA OFFICE DID NOT
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| TITLE RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS WA 67749 aka "Dick," "Rich" | | | CHARACTER OF CASE AEA-A |

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated February 10, 1953

DETAILS:

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:

The following investigation was conducted by
SA EBER PATTERSON in December 1947:

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. WILLIAM B. ENGLER, General Advertising Manager, "Indianapolis Times," advised that RICHARD HELMS was employed with that company April 20, 1937 to February 14, 1947, when he left to enter the military service. Mr. ENGLER stated that he considers HELMS honest, loyal, and trustworthy. His associates are very good and ENGLER knows of no organizations to which HELMS belonged. He stated that HELMS was offered the same job upon his release from the Navy but HELMS refused. He described HELMS as being very intelligent with an excellent background. ENGLER stated that he would not hesitate to recommend HELMS considering his record with that company.

Mr. LOUIS D. YOUNG, Advertising Director, advised that HELMS began working for that company as a messenger and worked his way up to

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National Advertising Director. He considers HELMS as trustworthy, reliable and stated that he has a good family background. Mr. YOUNG stated that he does not believe HELMS would ever be disloyal to this country in any way and he would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of trust.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Mrs. C. E. MC CUE, Executive Secretary, Indianapolis Athletic Club, stated that they have no records of guests dating back to 1937. However, she remembers HELMS very well as she was acquainted with his wife before their marriage. She described HELMS as very quiet and well liked. She stated that he seems honest, reliable, and of good character. Mrs. MC CUE does not believe HELMS would ever be disloyal to this country. She stated she knows of no organizations to which he belongs.

Mrs. CATHERINE B. GRIFFITH, 4014 Winthrop, stated that HELMS rented a room from her approximately one year and that he seems of excellent character, is honest, and sincere and made an ideal roomer. Mrs. GRIFFITH never heard anything or saw HELMS with any papers or literature that would cause her to doubt his loyalty as an American. She stated that she knows nothing of his associations or organizations to which he belongs. HELMS married a very nice woman, comes from a family with an outstanding reputation. She stated that she knows nothing of his qualifications or abilities but he seems very intelligent and aggressive.

Mrs. CHARLES MORELAND, 402 East 59th Street, stated that HELMS did not associate with anyone when they lived in that neighborhood but that he seemed to be of good character and she had no reason to doubt his loyalty.

Mrs. FREDERICK B. CLINE, 5890 North New Jersey, stated that HELMS seemed honest and sincere and that she believed his associates were only the best. She stated that she never had any reason to doubt his loyalty and he seems to be of good character.

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Mrs. C. HARVEY BRADIEY, 4044 North Pennsylvania, stated that JULIA BRETZMAN was living at 4030 Pennsylvania at the time of her marriage to HELMS and they lived there only a short time after the marriage. She stated that Mrs. HELMS was very interested in international politics. HELMS' character and reputation in the neighborhood is very good and she never heard either of them say anything or heard anything about them that would cause her to doubt their loyalty in any way. She stated that she knows of no organizations or clubs to which he belongs and knows nothing of his associates.

The following were contacted but were unable to supply any information concerning HELMS:

Mr. JACK SMITH, 4024 Winthrop
Mrs. W. T. MARTINDALE, 4022 Winthrop
Mrs. MAURICE PERK, 321 East 59th
Mrs. ADAH E. CRAWFORD, 320 East 59th
Mrs. JOSEPH FOX, 4020 Pennsylvania
Mrs. S. D. MURPHY, 4030 Pennsylvania

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The following investigation was conducted by SE S. THOMAS ROEDEL in December 1947:

The records of the Indianapolis Police Department were checked with negative results.

The files of the Merchants Credit Association failed to reflect anything unfavorable concerning HELMS.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation was conducted by SA EBER PATTERSON in December 1947:

The Indianapolis Police Department advised on February 18, 1942, that NOBLE BRETZMAN who is a brother of JULIA BRETZMAN HELMS was a radical sympathizer of

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Germany and HITLER. At the start of the war, he made the statement that he hoped the Germans would blow England off the map and was in favor of HITLER taking over all of Europe, throwing England clear out of the water, and letting HITLER run Europe the way it should be run. BRETZMAN had a copy of "Mein Kampf" which he kept on the coffee table at his apartment and used this about the same as anyone else would use a Bible. He always referred to this book for proof of anything he was talking about.

The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES C. SPANN on December 17, 1942:

Mr. ANDREW HEPBURN, El Paso, Texas, a friend of BRETZMAN's advised on December 17, 1942, that NOBLE BRETZMAN was definitely anti-British but was not pro-German and is a loyal American. On February 4, 1943, BRETZMAN voluntarily appeared at the Indianapolis office and was interviewed by Special Agent JOSEPH W. RICHMOND. BRETZMAN stated that he was not a lover of England and probably never would be. However, he stated that neither was he a German sympathizer. When HITLER came to power, he first thought HITLER was doing a good job and prior to Pearl Harbor wanted to see Germany victorious over England. His belief was that the British Empire would fall regardless of the outcome of war. However, as the war continued, his opinion with regard to HITLER and the Nazis changed. HEPBURN stated that at the time of Pearl Harbor, BRETZMAN was completely disillusioned in regard to HITLER and became strongly opposed to both HITLER and the Nazi Government and was very anxious for a victory for the United States. He pointed out that in January 1942 immediately after Pearl Harbor he volunteered for any emergency duty. He was called in July 1942 and became an air raid warden. He held this position two or three weeks prior to the interview when he was compelled to resign due to his position in the Indiana State Guard, which he joined in August 1942.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT B. HAGG in December 1947.
AT BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA:

Records of Bloomington Police Department
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Records of Retail Merchants Credit Association reflect no information concerning [REDACTED].

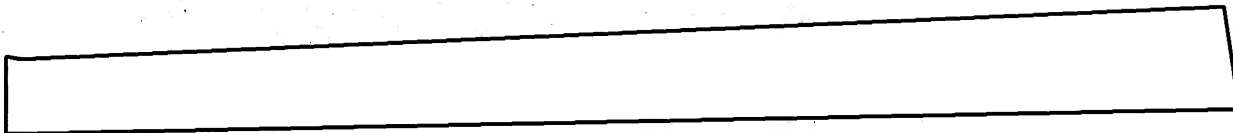
Records of the Registrar, Indiana University, reflect that [REDACTED]
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Records of Mr. LEO DOWLING, Assistant Dean of Students at Indiana University, reflect no disciplinary or derogatory information concerning [REDACTED].

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| TITLE RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749 aka., "Dick", "Rich" | | | CHARACTER OF CASE AEAA |
| EXCERPTS OF EXCERPTS AGENCY <u>100-100000</u> REQ. REC'D <u>12/26/72</u> REP'T FORW. <u>12/27/72</u> BY <u>Ruger</u> | | | AGENCY <u>100-100000</u> REQ. REC'D <u>12/26/72</u> REP'T FORW. <u>12/27/72</u> BY <u>Ruger</u> |
| REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field, dated 2/10/53. DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT E. WICK, in December, 1947, in connection with another applicant type investigation of the applicant: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">FRED H. LINS COG, clerk in the Wayzata, Minnesota Post Office since 1932, advised that he has known ROWLAND PEARSALL HELMS for several years (at least since 1934) and regards him as a loyal citizen of this country. He stated that HELMS resides in his own home at 19 Fox Street, Wayzata, on Route 4, and is employed by Cargill, Inc., an elevator firm. So far as is known, said Mr. LINS COG, his credit rating is good in Wayzata.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">ARNOLD Z. BODEGEL, grocer at Wayzata, Minnesota, advised that ROWLAND HELMS trades occasionally at his store but that he did not know too much of his personal life. He stated, however, that he knew of no information of a derogatory nature concerning him and believed him to enjoy a good reputation in the community.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Chief of Police W. A. HOLMBERG, Wayzata, Minnesota, advised that his records contain no mention of ROWLAND HELMS and that he knows him to be an up-right member of the community.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Mr. KIRBY NORRBOHM of the Minneapolis Credit Bureau, Palace Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised ROWLAND HELMS enjoys a good credit rating.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The Minneapolis Police Department records contain no mention of ROWLAND PEARSALL HELMS. RUC</p> | | | |
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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 BY *Augie mrg*

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field Office, 2/10/53.

DETAILS:

At Wethersfield, Connecticut

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Captain LOUIS CALOTT FARLEY, USNR, (retired), 152 Broad Street, advised that he had known the applicant since he was a child. He indicated that the applicant and his (FARLEY's) son were practically brought up together and were close friends. He said the applicant's grandfather MC GARRAH was formerly head of the International Bank. He also stated that the applicant was supposed to have traveled extensively, particularly in France and Germany, and according to FARLEY, speaks German and French as well as English.

FARLEY described the applicant as possessing excellent habits, character and morals and that he was a brilliant man. He stated he would trust the applicant with confidential matters of any kind and so far as he knew the applicant did not possess any disloyal tendencies of any type.

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He also advised that the applicant's family background was not the type that would be conducive to any disloyalty. FARLEY added, however, that his last contact with the applicant was when the applicant worked under him doing naval routing work in New York City in 1942 and 1943.

With reference to the applicant's wife, FARLEY advised that his acquaintance with her was purely social and stated that she was divorced, her first marriage being to a man from the Middle West. He described her as a brilliant person about whom he could furnish no specific details except his general opinion that she was a loyal American citizen.

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Investigation set forth in the report of SA GORDON M. SIM dated 3/2/53 entitled, "RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA 67749, Aka: "Dick", "Rich" - AEA A" was taken from the report of SA WILLIAM D. CHAPPEL, entitled, "RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS, Applicant, CIA Group, dated 1/5/48 at New Haven.

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| TITLE RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749 aka "Dick", "Rich" | | | CHARACTER OF CASE AAAA |

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field, 2/10/53

DETAILS: During a previous investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation during 1947, the following information was obtained concerning HELMS and his family:

Education

Mr. ROY S. CLAGCOMB, Headmaster, Carteret School, West Orange, New Jersey, formerly Carteret Academy, West Orange, N.J., advised that the school records are somewhat mixed up as a result of the school changing hands recently and stated that at the present time he could give nothing official as far back as 1929. Mr. CLAGCOMB, however, together with Mr. HAROLD LAITY, head of the psychology department in the school, stated they both remembered HELMS attending the school between approximately 1920 - 1929 as they were members of the faculty at that time and taught HELMS in class.

Mr. CLAGCOMB and Mr. LAITY asserted that they considered HELMS a person of superior intelligence and mental integrity who they felt

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would turn out to be a person of splendid character, habits and true Americanism. Both stated they knew nothing of HELMS since he left the school, but considered the reputation of him and his family to be excellent at that time in all respects. They knew of nothing unfavorable concerning HELMS or any member of his family.

Neighborhood

All neighbors were specifically questioned regarding HELMS and his parents' foreign sympathies, and all stated that they felt HELMS and his family had no foreign sympathies.

Mr. and Mrs. LARS HEADSTROM, 378 Fairview Ave., Orange, N.J., advised that the HELMS were fine neighbors and well thought of in the neighborhood. Mrs. HEADSTROM stated that she has known HELMS and his parents for about twenty years. Mr. HEADSTROM advised that he has been acquainted with HELMS for about eight years. Both advised that at that time they considered HELMS and his parents to be loyal Americans of excellent character, habits and association and asserted that they knew nothing unfavorable about them.

Mrs. D. C. FEISNER, 370 Fairview Ave., Orange, N.J., was interviewed at the above address and Mr. D. C. FEISNER was interviewed at his place of business, 41 Lincoln Ave., Orange, N.J. Both stated that they held HELMS and his parents in as high regard as the HEADSTROMS on all points mentioned above. Mr. FEISNER stated she has been following HELMS' career since he was a young boy. Mr. FEISNER asserted that he was a teacher at the old Carteret Academy and taught HELMS while he was there. Both stated that the only thing foreign about HELMS is that he speaks German fluently and was partially educated in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. FEISNER felt that there was no question of HELMS' loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. FREDERICK A. SAMUELS, 315 Tillou Road, South Orange, N.J., advised that she has been a neighbor of the HELMS family for about four years and that she does not particularly like the family because of their aloofness. Mrs. SAMUELS said she does not know RICHARD HELMS but asserted that the other members of the family appear to be persons of good character and habits and that she has no reason to question their loyalty to the U. S. She knew of nothing unfavorable concerning them.

Mrs. WILLIAM BARLOW, 305 Tillou Road, South Orange, N.J.

advised that she has been in the neighborhood about two years and that she does not know RICHARD HELMS. She stated, however, that the HELMS family are respected neighbors and as far as she can determine are persons of good character, habits and loyal Americans. Mrs. BARLOW stated that she knew of nothing unfavorable about the HELMS family.

Mrs. THOMAS E. WARD, 284 Tillou Road, South Orange, N.J., stated she has known the HELMS family from five to seven years, but that she does not know RICHARD HELMS. She stated that she has heard of RICHARD HELMS and his reputation is good as far as she can determine. Mrs. WARD stated that HELMS' father is odd and that she does not particularly get along with him, but that HELMS' mother and the rest of the family appear to be fine people. Mrs. WARD asserted that she actually does not know but feels that the family are loyal to the United States. Mrs. WARD did not feel in a position to comment on any foreign sympathies HELMS or his family might have, but stated that she was not aware of any.

Mr. PAUL J. CUPP, 556 Irving Terrace, South Orange, N.J., advised that he remembers HELMS living at 562 Irving Terrace for a short period but stated that he never did get a chance to meet him as HELMS was away most of the time. HELMS' parents attended the same church as CUPP in South Orange and they are very well thought of in that community. Mr. CUPP stated that he has known HELMS' parents for several years and feels that they are loyal Americans. Mr. CUPP further stated that HELMS and his wife were considered good neighbors and knew nothing derogatory of them. Mr. CUPP asserted that he could think of nothing that would lead him to believe that the HELMS family had any foreign sentiments.

Mrs. H. P. GREEN, 722 Berkley Ave., South Orange, N.J., advised that she met HELMS on only one occasion, but that she knew of nothing unfavorable concerning his character, habits, associates and loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. ANNA H. BALDWIN, 332 Lawnridge Road, South Orange, N.J., advised that she has known HELMS since he was a small boy and at one time gave him piano lessons. Mrs. BALDWIN stated that she thinks very highly of HELMS and his family, but that she is not familiar with his activities in recent years as he has been away most of the time. Mrs. BALDWIN asserted that HELMS was a fine boy of upstanding principles and always eager to do the right thing and that she did not think he could go wrong. Mrs. BALDWIN advised that in her mind HELMS

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and his family are loyal Americans and persons of good character and habits of whom she knows of nothing unfavorable.

The two last mentioned addresses are in the neighborhood of Irving Terrace.

Credit

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Newark, Inc., Newark, N.J., disclosed that the credit of HELMS as of 6/21/46 and that of his father as of 10/10/40 were satisfactory. A recheck of these records reflect no further information concerning HELMS or his family.

Police

The records of the Orange and South Orange Police Departments were checked against the name of HELMS and his family, and no record was located concerning them. A recheck of these records was made and no record concerning HELMS or his family was located.

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tion of planes, men and tanks along the Polish Frontier. This report he also sent to Berlin. T-1 advised that the next time he was in the Headquarters in Berlin, he discovered both of his above mentioned reports filed in the "Not Used" files and they also bore the classification "Biased and Unreliable." After finding these reports in the files in Berlin, he had occasion to visit the Office in Heidelberg where the reports were sent after being processed in Berlin. He again found his two reports filed in the "Not Used" files.

T-1 named five individuals who were charged with reading and classifying these reports, one of whom was the applicant. T-1 is of the opinion that these individuals were pro-Communists because of the way his reports had been handled. He alleged that the applicant, although pro-Communist, never has been as dangerous as the other four officials that he mentioned.

He said he was certain that none of the men he named were Communist Party members as they were too intelligent.

T-1 furnished no other information indicating any Communist sympathy or tendencies on the part of the subject.

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INFORMANTS:

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He furnished information
10/3/47 to SA J. RICHARD BUTTS.
Miami Office, at [REDACTED]
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The foregoing information is reported in the report of SA J. RICHARD BUTTS, 10/3/47, at Miami, in the case entitled RICHARD GARAH HELMS, SM-C, Baltimore File 100-10596. This SM-C investigation disclosed no additional information to indicate that the applicant had any Communistic tendencies. A previous applicant investigation entitled RICHARD MC GARAH HELMS, Applicant, Central Intelligence Group, Baltimore File 118-982, was conducted 12/47.

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REFERENCES: Bureau letter to Washington Field, 2/10/53.
New York letter to San Francisco, 2/25/53.

DETAILS:

At New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted in December, 1947.

Employment

Investigation to locate the offices of the Navy Relief Society, Fifth Avenue and 57 Street, disclosed that the only office of this organization in New York, was located at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Brooklyn, New York. Miss KAYE of that office advised that there was no record of Navy Relief ever having maintained an office at Fifth Avenue and 57 Street and, further, that the organization had no paid employees in the period from February, 1942 to May, 1943, when the applicant stated he was employed by the group. Miss KAYE made inquiry of individuals who were associated with Navy Relief in 1942 but none of these persons recalled the applicant as a volunteer worker.

Mr. HARRY FLORY, Foreign News Manager, United Press Association, 220 East 42 Street, stated that he was European manager of United Press during the period, 1935 to 1937, when the applicant was a staff correspondent in Germany. Mr. FLORY was unable to locate a record showing the exact dates of the

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tions throughout the country due chiefly to his family background. He further informed that applicant had served in the U. S. Navy under Commander FARLEY who was in charge of Operations, Convoy and Routing on the Eastern Seaboard, during 1941 and 1942.

Mr. JOHN SCOTT HARRISON, III, salesman with the American Indemnity Company, 536 Bankers Mortgage Building, advised he had known applicant very intimately two years during college terms of 1931, 1932, 1933, while they were attending Williams College and while both were members of the fraternity Chi Psi. He advised applicant was president of this fraternity and was probably one of the most outstanding students ever graduated from this college. He stated he has corresponded intermittently with applicant since 1933, and he could think of no person whom he could recommend more highly. He stated that in his opinion applicant was thoroughly trustworthy, loyal and patriotic to the U. S. Government, and could be trusted with any top secret information concerning the United States.

Mr. HARRISON also mentioned that applicant has strong political backing because of his family background. Mr. HARRISON predicted that applicant would one day be the Secretary of State of the United States.

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Mr. GARDNER stated that he had only a casual acquaintance with the applicant's wife and had been unable to form any opinions concerning her.

Mr. MARK FERREE, Assistant General Business Manager, Scripps Howard Newspapers, 230 Park Avenue, advised that he had formerly been Business Manager of the Indianapolis Times and was closely associated with the applicant from 1937 to 1942 when the applicant was advertising manager of the paper. Mr. FERREE described the applicant as a hard-working, ambitious and conscientious individual who takes great pride in his work and strives to do a good job in all his undertakings. He stated that the applicant's character and reputation are excellent and his patriotism and loyalty above reproach.

Mr. FERREE stated that the applicant's wife, whose maiden name was JULIA BRETZMANN, had been formerly married and divorced from FRANK SHIELDS, president of the Barbasol Company of Indianapolis. Mr. FERREE stated that although he did not know the details or reason for divorce, it was a well-known fact that Mr. SHIELDS, deceased, drank heavily. According to Mr. FERREE, the BRETZMANN family were socially prominent in Indianapolis.

Associate

Mr. GARDNER STOUT of the Dominick and Dominick Brokerage Company, 14 Wall Street, stated that the applicant had been assistant operations officer under his command at the United States Naval Headquarters of the Eastern Sea Frontier during 1942 and 1943. STOUT advised that the applicant was a man who was completely trustworthy, and loyal. He added that the applicant's duties involved very confidential information and there had never been any question as to his having been trusted with same. STOUT stated that he would recommend the applicant without reservation as a man of fine character and a completely loyal and patriotic American.

Credit and Criminal

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the New York City Police Department contained no information relative to the applicant in December, 1947.

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Information in this report which is reflected as having been obtained through an investigation conducted by the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in December, 1947 is actually contained in the report of SA WALTER A. WANGENHEIM, 12/30/47, New York (NY 118-1435) and the report of SA JAMES J. SWIFT, 12/18/47, New York, (NY 118-1394), both reports being entitled RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFERENCE: Bulet W. F. dated 2/10/53

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by
SA, VERNON C. PAMPELL

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mr. GEORGE HAWKINS, member of the editorial staff of the Houston Press, a Houston newspaper, advised he has known applicant since about 1930 when they were fraternity brother in Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. He advised that since 1930 he had kept in touch with applicant through occasional visits and correspondence. Mr. HAWKINS stated he and his father were responsible for applicant's previous employment with the United Press news agency and the newspaper "Indianapolis Times". He stated he would recommend applicant without reservation from the standpoint of loyalty, patriotism, honesty, and integrity. He stated he would recommend applicant more highly and without any reservations above any friends or acquaintances that he had known.

Mr. KAWKINS stated he last visted with applicant in February 1947 in New York City, at which time applicant very carefully avoided any discussion of intelligence matters on which applicant was engaged during World War II while with the U. S. Navy and O. S. S.

Mr. HAWKINS stated that applicant has strong political affilia-

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/6/53

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (116-40458)

SUBJECT: RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS - WA - 67749, aka
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BUDED 3/3/53.

Re New York letter to San Francisco received 2/27/53; Baltimore air-tel to San Francisco 2/27/53; and Baltimore air-tel to Washington Field 3/2/53.

In referenced New York letter San Francisco was requested to interview [redacted]

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Baltimore air-tel 2/27/53 reflects [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] in October, 1947, regarding applicant and, inasmuch as San Francisco has no information indicating that [redacted] would have subsequent information regarding the applicant, no lead is being set out to have him reinterviewed.

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Investigation at Fairfax, California, reflects [redacted] left a forwarding address with the Fairfax Post Office in March, 1950, as [redacted].

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Mr. V. A. BAROSS, Manager, Bank of America, Fairfax, California, advised [redacted] believed to have [redacted] and present whereabouts unknown to him.

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| TITLE RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS; WA - 67749, aka Richard McGaragh Helms, Richard McGarragh Helms, Dick, Rich. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE AEA-A AGENCY White House State Dept REQ. REC'D 12/26/72 REP'T FORW. 12/27/72 BY Angeli mwr |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated February 10, 1953 Baltimore Air-Tel dated March 2, 1953. DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C. EMPLOYMENT The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT J. MCKENNAN. Mr. [redacted] Contact Officer, Central (S) Intelligence Agency, advised that their files reflect that the applicant reported for duty with the Office of Strategic Services on August 16, 1943 and that he resigned January 1, 1946 from this job and entered on duty in March 1946 with the Strategic Services Unit. He received an excepted appointment with the Central Intelligence Group as an administrative officer. The applicant has received efficiency ratings of excellent during his period of employment with the U. S. Government. No (S) information [redacted] concerning the applicant was contained in his personnel file. (S) Mr. [redacted] further advised that while the applicant's record showed a break in employment between <div style="text-align: right;">b1 per CIA b3 b6</div> | | | |
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January 1946 and March 1946, it is possible that the applicant was continuously employed from 1943 to the present time, inasmuch as some of their old employment records are sometimes incomplete.

Mr. FRANK G. WISNER, Deputy Director for Plans, CIA, and a reference of the applicant, advised that he first became acquainted with the applicant in 1944 or 1945 and that the applicant worked under him in France and Germany and was a senior staff officer during most of the year 1945. He stated he again became closely associated with the applicant in 1948 and this relationship has continued up to the present time. Mr. WISNER stated that during the above period he has also had fairly close social relationship with the applicant. He advised he has the highest regard for the applicant's loyalty, integrity and discretion and that there is "no one whom I have more complete confidence in on the basis of selectivity" as far as security matters are concerned. He stated that the applicant has "a completely clear record as to security, holds an important position and in my judgment has a genuine and completely justifiable need to know, as far as handling, the certain classified material for which he is being investigated."

Mr. WISNER stated the applicant's family life is exceptional and he has never heard the slightest scandal or suspicion concerning the loyalty of the applicant or his family and that the same applies to the applicant's friends and associates. Mr. WISNER stated in conclusion that he would recommend the applicant for a position of trust.

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Street, Northwest, a reference of the applicant, supplied substantially the same information concerning the applicant as that supplied by Mr. WISNER.

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The following investigation was conducted in 1947:

The applicant's personnel file at the Bureau of Naval Personnel reflects the applicant was born

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March 30, 1913 at St. Davids, Pennsylvania. The file contained a memorandum from the Assistant Public Relations Officer which requested that the applicant be commissioned in the U. S. Naval Reserve and assigned to the Director of Public Relations. The applicant's medical examination, dated March 13, 1942, reflected temporary tachycardia, temporary hypertension and thirty-four pounds underweight. The applicant was not qualified for appointment to the U. S. Naval Reserve unless defects were waived. The file reflects the applicant was rejected by the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. The file contains a letter dated April 17, 1942 endorsed by the Director at the Office of Public Relations, Secretary of the Navy, stating that the applicant's services were not required in the Office of Public Relations.

On May 27, 1942 the Office of Public Relations requested the Bureau of Naval Personnel to return the applicant's application for re-consideration. The Board of Medical Examiners, USN, rejected the applicant's application by letter dated April 9, 1942 and a survey was requested April 24, 1942. The file reflected the applicant was commissioned a Lieutenant (j.g.) June 26, 1942 to rank from April 1, 1942 and was promoted to Lieutenant on May 1, 1943. He was transferred to the Director of Strategic Services, Psychological Warfare on June 9, 1943. The file reflects that the applicant served in the Headquarters, Eastern Sea Frontier from August 29, 1942 to August 11, 1943 and a fitness report covering this period reflected the applicant to be outstanding. The applicant was transferred to OSS, Washington, D. C. under Captain WARD P. DAVIS, USN, August 16, 1943 to March 31, 1944. His efficiency rating for this period was outstanding.

From April 1, 1944 to January 8, 1945 the applicant served in OSS and his efficiency rating was excellent. The file reflected that the applicant also served in OSS in London, England. The applicant was promoted to Lieutenant Commander June 14, 1945 and transferred by Executive Order October 11, 1945 from OSS to the State and War Departments and was released from active duty March 19, 1946.

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Captain PAUL CASSARD, USN, President, Board of Review, EXOS, USN, Washington, D. C., advised he did not recall the applicant and certainly did not know him socially. Captain CASSARD believes that whatever efficiency ratings he signed for the applicant were correct at the time. He suggested that Lieutenant Commander GORDON STOUT, USN, be contacted in regard to the applicant.

Captain WARD P. DAVIS, USN, 3321 Wisconsin Avenue, Northwest, advised he was unable to recall the applicant but stated that he felt the applicant's fitness report properly reflected his ability at the time Captain DAVIS signed it.

Mr. WALLACE CARROLL of the New World Weekly, Incorporated, 1712 8th Street, Northwest, advised he first met the applicant in 1935 in Geneva, Switzerland when the applicant was overseas with his mother and father and at which time Mr. CARROLL stated he was head of the United Press in Berlin. Mr. CARROLL stated he requested the UP to assign the applicant to his staff while the applicant was overseas. Mr. CARROLL stated he met the applicant from time to time since then and has always regarded him as a man of highest character and reputation and has never known anything about him which was not good. He stated he always found the applicant to be a hard worker, intelligent, very sober and responsible and has no reason whatsoever to question his loyalty and patriotism. He said the applicant spoke German fluently and was a great service to the UP because of this fact. Mr. CARROLL stated he would not hesitate to recommend the applicant for any position of trust and confidence as he is highly interested in this type of work and enjoys it from the standpoint of true principles. He stated in conclusion that he has attempted to interest the applicant in the new publishing venture of New World Weekly, Inc.

Mr. FREDERICK OECHSNER, 3812 Fulton Street, Northwest, stated he was formerly with United Press Association in Germany and first met the applicant in

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about 1934 in Berlin, Germany, at which time the applicant was on a trip with his parents following his graduation from college. Mr. OECHSNER said that he felt that the applicant would make a good man for UP and contacted the London Office and suggested employment of the applicant, following which the applicant was sent over to the staff in Germany. He said that the applicant's father was a banker and he believed he was born in Germany, but was not certain of this fact. Mr. OECHSNER remarked the applicant's grandfather GATES McGARRAH was a member of the Bank of International Settlements and that the applicant's mother is American born. He remarked that he considered the applicant to be a man of the very highest character who is clear headed and has good reasons for decisions that he has to make. He stated the applicant is a clean living man of a high type who has a keen mind and strong ethical feelings. He said the applicant has an excellent reputation among news men with whom he is associated and there has never been any reason whatsoever to question his loyalty or patriotism, as he is too high minded to violate any trust or confidence. The applicant is interested in the activities of Williams College and beyond that Mr. OECHSNER said that he feels that the applicant is not a member of any social or fraternal group.

Mr. WALLACE R. DUELL, 3026 Cambridge, Northwest, advised he was the Washington correspondent for the Chicago Daily News and was formerly in the Berlin Bureau of the United Press where he met the applicant about ten years ago. He said that the applicant served in OSS during the war and that he has tried to get him on the staff when they were located in Germany.

Mr. DUELL stated he had no information concerning the applicant's family background, except that one grandfather was President of the Bank of International Settlement and the applicant's wife is a divorcee. He stated that the applicant is a man of the most un-impeachable and impeccable character and is known to others as an intelligent and hard working man who is regarded as almost perfect. Mr. DUELL states that the applicant has an excellent reputation and extraordinary integrity. He stated he regards the

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loyalty and patriotism of the applicant as above reproach. He further stated that he considered the applicant to be no hazard to the national security as he has an outstanding personality and character. In conclusion he stated he believes the applicant's work and family consume most of his time and he does not believe the applicant is the joining type, other than perhaps the fraternities at Williams College.

(S) Mr. [redacted] Street, N. W., a co-worker of the applicant at CIA, advised he has known the applicant for about one and one-half years, both in OSS and CIA, but almost entirely on a professional basis. He stated the applicant came from field work in Berlin to be Branch Chief at CIA in Washington, D. C. He stated that he has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but that he recalls the applicant to be a man of highest character, definitely under control, but an extremely nervous type of individual although he seldom shows this outwardly. He said the applicant is stable and hard working, but that, he believes due to his nervous tension, he prefers to do his work entirely alone.

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(S) Mr. [redacted] said that the applicant has always been very fair to all of his employees with whom he is associated and that he has an excellent reputation among the people who are acquainted with him. He said that the applicant is definitely loyal, patriotic and entirely trustworthy from a security standpoint.

(S) Mr. [redacted] stated he believes the applicant presently gets about double the pay that he could normally make in the newspaper field and has mentioned how hectic news work was and felt that due to changes in his makeup during the war years he could not undertake this hectic life again. In conclusion, Mr. [redacted] stated that he would definitely recommend the applicant for any position in the Government, as he has great intellectual capacity.

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REFERENCES AND ASSOCIATES

SA ROBERT J. McKENNAN ascertained that ERIC W. TIMM, 4177 Vacation Lane, Arlington, Virginia, is presently out of the city and his whereabouts are unknown.

(S) It is to be noted that the comments of FRANK G. WISNER and [redacted] were set forth under the heading of employment.

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The following investigation was conducted in 1947.

Mr. CARL McGOWAN, 3425 O Street, Northwest, who formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, advised he first met the applicant in the U. S. Navy about 1942 and they have been very friendly ever since. He said the applicant's grandfather, Mr. McGARRAH, was a banker in New York and was also the head of the Bank of International Settlements. The applicant's wife is a divorcee whom the applicant met at Indianapolis, Indiana during the time he was employed there by a newspaper. Mr. McGOWAN said he regards the applicant as a man of the highest character without any reservation and states that he is able and intelligent. He said he has an excellent reputation and is very popular and at the time they resided at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, he was very popular with the other bachelor residents at that address. Mr. McGOWAN stated that he had no reason to question the loyalty, patriotism, trust or confidence of the applicant. In conclusion he said he would recommend the applicant without hesitation, for a position in the government.

Mr. ADRIAN S. FISHER, Solicitor, Department of Commerce, who formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road at a bachelor hall called "Hockley", advised he met the applicant there about November of 1943 when the applicant was serving in the U. S. Navy. FISHER believes the applicant has a German background, at least

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he is of German extraction and may have German relatives, although he is not certain of this. He said the applicant served with the United Press Association in Germany and lived there for some time and acquired excellent control of the German tongue. Mr. FISHER remarked the applicant is a man of the highest character, extremely intelligent and perceptive and enjoys an excellent reputation, particularly with the group of friends who resided at 2620 Foxhall Road. He stated there is no reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of the applicant and said that he has discussed the German situation with him on several occasions and believes that the applicant has a good knowledge of what is going on. From these discussions Mr. FISHER feels that the applicant is anti-Nazi. He said he would recommend the applicant for any position of trust and confidence as he believes the applicant is a man of the utmost discretion and had never disclosed any information to the group with whom he resided. He said in conclusion that he had no information concerning any social, fraternal associations of the applicant nor of friends or associates outside the group that resided at 2620 Foxhall Road.

Mr. COBURN KIDD, Central European Division, Department of State, advised he has known the applicant since June of 1945 and served with him in OSS and has been acquainted with the applicant since that time both professionally and socially. He stated that the applicant is a man of excellent character who appears to be a man of some standing and is perfectly genuine, honest, stable and a moderate drinker. Mr. KIDD stated that to the best of his knowledge there is no hint or suspicion of any weakness of character and that the applicant is given wholeheartedly to business and has kept himself cheerful in spite of hard work and has always been self-controlled under conditions in OSS that were very trying.

KIDD said the applicant enjoys an excellent reputation, and amongst his friends is MR. STUART HUGHES, grandson of Chief Justice HUGHES. He remarked that he has no information concerning the family background of the applicant but stated the applicant has many friends

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both in his present group and in different places that he has been and has always carried himself as a gentleman of intellectual capabilities. In conclusion Mr. KIDD stated he would recommend the applicant wholeheartedly, perhaps more than anyone else he had known for any position of trust and confidence because of his character, cheerfulness and calmness of thought.

Mr. C. H. POPE, President of the Munsey Trust Company, Washington, D. C., knew the applicant's father, who was a banker, much better than he knew the applicant, he advised. He said that the applicant's father was connected with the Aluminum Corporation of America and that the applicant's grandfather GATES McGARRAH, was formerly head of the Bank of International Settlements. He said he recommends the applicant and his family as persons of excellent character and while he does not know him very well, has never known the applicant to be in any trouble of any kind. He remarked that the applicant and his family enjoy a good reputation and there has never been any reason to question the loyalty or patriotism of any of them.

Mr. POPE stated that he is unable to furnish any information concerning social or fraternal memberships of the applicant, nor his close personal associates. He stated in conclusion that he would recommend the applicant for any position of trust and confidence in the government as he feels the applicant's home life would bear out this trust.

Mr. WILSON T. H. BEALE, Chief of Division of Research for Europe, Department of State, advised he has known the applicant since about 1943 and was formerly Executive Officer in OSS and worked closely with the

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applicant overseas and in Washington, D. C. He stated he has known the applicant both socially and professionally and has had occasion to visit the applicant's home frequently. He said he has a high regard for the applicant's character, reputation and personal intellectual accomplishments and states that he has no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty or patriotism of the applicant. He said he has no information concerning the applicant's family background and stated he was acquainted with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, which was a large hall used as bachelor quarters by a number of persons in the armed forces and where an average of about ten stayed at this address at any one time. He stated that due to the character of their work there were many changes and new faces appeared at that address from time to time. Mr. BEALE states that the group residing at 2620 Foxhall Road, N. W., were a group of intellectual extroverts and that all were hard workers, all were high type, and he feels that perhaps the harmony that existed in that house was because so many of the residents were of the same type. He said the applicant apparently lived a very quiet life, was well liked and friendly with the group and has been friendly with the group with whom he is employed. Mr. BEALE said that the applicant is a very serious minded person, but with this has a good sense of humor. He said he believed the applicant would do well in a position outside of the government but imagines that the applicant has devoted himself to principles which the applicant believes are necessary for the work he is doing.

Mr. DAGGETT H. HOWARD, International Attorney for the Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington, D. C. advised he had known the applicant since early 1944, at which time they both resided at 2620 Foxhall Road, N. W. At this time Mr. HOWARD stated he was employed at the White House. He stated that he has no information concerning the applicant's family background, but that he regards the applicant as a man of the highest character, reputation, a man who is serious, stable, very intelligent and somewhat idealistic. Mr. HOWARD stated that there is no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, as from the standpoint of trust and national security, he

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would give him top rating. He said the applicant has a reputation of having done a "cracker-jack" job during the war. He said the applicant is the type of person who was self-contained and that the only memberships the applicant would have would be in connection with collegiate groups at Williams College. In conclusion, Mr. HOWARD stated that he believes that the applicant's ideal in Government Service is in doing the important type of work that he is doing.

Mr. STUART HUGHES, Chief, Division of Research for Europe, Department of State, advised he has known the applicant since July 1945, having served with him in OSS in Germany and having seen him frequently since that time. He said he has no information concerning the applicant's background, but regards the applicant as a man of very high character, of pleasant and intellectual disposition, who is regarded very highly and has an important position for a young man and is well adapted to this position. He stated that the applicant has an excellent reputation and has many friends, some of whom have achieved importance. Mr. HUGHES stated the applicant is loyal, patriotic and solid, and there is no question of trust from the standpoint of national security as he has had important jobs and has always done them without any question of his trust. He said he believes that the applicant is interested in his work, likes it immensely and is interested in the techniques and methods of intelligence work and has created for himself a professional attitude in this field. Mr. HUGHES stated in conclusion that he would recommend the applicant without reservation and recommend him as one of the best men in secret intelligence work, as he has great ambition as well as common sense.

Mr. W. GRAHAM CLAYTOR, Jr., 3018 N Street, Northwest, Attorney, advised he has known the applicant since 1942 and has had occasion to frequently exchange visits with the applicant. He stated he formerly resided with the applicant at 2620 Foxhall Road, N. W. He said he has no information concerning the applicant's

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family background, but regards the applicant as a man of the highest character who has exhibited no weaknesses of character of any kind and has always demonstrated himself to be emotionally stable. Mr. CLAYTOR states that there is no reason to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, and from the standpoint of trust he is a good security risk.

NEIGHBORHOODS

105 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA ROBERT M. BASS, JR.

Mrs. ELIZABETH L. LYONS, 109 W. Bradley Lane, advised she has known the applicant and his family as neighbors since 1946 and has no reason to question the patriotism of any member of the family. Mrs. LYONS added she believes the applicant and his family are people of excellent character, reputation, loyalty and associates; that she has never heard any unfavorable information concerning any of them and would unhesitatingly recommend the applicant for a position of trust and confidence.

Mrs. MARY ANSELL, 107 Bradley Lane, who has known the applicant and his family as neighbors since 1946, supplied substantially the same information concerning the applicant as that supplied by Mrs. LYONS.

Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND, 200 Rosemary Street, whose residence is directly behind the applicant's residence and who has known the applicant and family as neighbors over eight years, advised that she had never heard any information of an unfavorable nature concerning the applicant or any member of his family, but stated that she was not well enough acquainted with the HELMS family to make any comment concerning their character or loyalty.

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Confidential Informant T-K, of known reliability, advised in 1941 that Mrs. THOMAS W. HOLLAND, 6314 33rd Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. was on the membership list of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action

The Washington Committee for Democratic Action is cited as "Communist" by the attorney general as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

A search of the City Directory for Washington, D. C. was made in 1947 and the following information obtained:

1941- THOMAS W. HOLLAND (MIRIAM), Section Chief, Labor Department, resides 6314, 33rd St., N. W.

1942- THOMAS W. HOLLAND, Res. Director, Department of Labor, resides 200 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The following investigation was conducted in 1947:

Mr. STEPHEN B. L. PENROSE, 7100 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised that he has known the applicant since 1945 when they both served in OSS. He said that the applicant's mother's family are well known bankers and that the applicant's wife, JULIA, from Indianapolis, Indiana, was previously married to Mr. SHIELDS, the inventor of Barbasol, who was much older than the applicant's wife. They had two children before the divorce. He stated that the applicant's wife is a homemaker and does sculpture as a hobby. Mr. PENROSE remarked the applicant is a man of outstanding character with no weaknesses of any kind ever observed. He is stable and well orientated. He is calm and dispassionate. He said that the applicant also enjoys an excellent reputation among friends with whom he is employed at CIA and a few with whom he was formerly associated at OSS. Mr. PENROSE remarked he had no reason whatsoever to question the loyalty and patriotism of the applicant, and he would

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give him the highest rating from the standpoint of trust and national security. He said he did not believe the applicant is a member of any organizations, outside of the fraternities at Williams College and in conclusion, he said that he regards the applicant as not being the student type but does not hesitate to recommend him, as he considers him as one of our most solid citizens.

Mr. BURR TRACY ANSELL, 108 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, attorney, Washington, D.C., advised he has known the applicant since about March, 1946 but that he has no information concerning the applicant's family background. He said the applicant is a man of the highest character, very moderate drinker, well orientated who keeps a very nice and neat home, in which he is quite interested, and has an excellent reputation, and therefore, is a very desirable neighbor. He said that the applicant is a linguist and excels in the German tongue due to his German background and education in Germany. Mr. ANSELL stated that there is absolutely no question as to his loyalty and patriotism, and from the standpoint of trust and confidence, he is very close-mouthed and an extremely high-grade citizen. In conclusion, he stated that the applicant is interested in and active in Williams College Alumni Association and believes that beyond that he is not a member of any fraternal organization.

Mr. and Mrs. JAMES H. McGLOTHIN, 33 East Bradley Lane, and Mrs. FLORENCE M. HOAR, 103 W. Bradley Lane, supplied substantially the same information concerning the applicant and his family as that supplied by Mr. PENROSE.

2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest

It is to be noted that the applicant's residence at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, was verified by W. GRAHAM CLAYTON, JR., DAGGETT H. HOWARD, WILSON T. H. BEALE, ADRIAN S. FISHER and CARL McGOWAN, whose comments were set forth under the heading of references and associates.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

Special Employee DANIEL M. SAUNDERS ascertained that the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., reflected that the applicant had four minor traffic violations from October 22, 1943, to June 23, 1951, and paid fines ranging from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

No criminal record for the applicant or any member of his family was contained in the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.

Special Employee WALTER JAMES TOLSON determined that no record of the applicant or any member of his family was contained in the files of the United States Park Police.

Special Employee JOHN J. LANDERS ascertained that the files of the Washington, D.C. Credit Bureau, Inc. in report dated September 13, 1951, reflected that the applicant had three accounts which were rated as satisfactory.

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SE XAVIER F. CLARK determined that there was no record of the applicant or any member of his family in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

SE ROY F. RODMAN ascertained that the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence reflected an arrest for speeding at Lee, Massachusetts on June 5, 1935, at which time the applicant was fined \$10.

No further information of a derogatory nature concerning the applicant was noted in the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence.

SE WAYNE S. CURTIS determined that the files of the Department of Navy reflected that the applicant was transferred to inactive status effective July 1, 1950 as Lieutenant Commander, USNR. No additional information concerning the applicant was contained in the files of the Department of Navy.

SE JOHN J. LANDERS ascertained that the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, contained no record under the name of the applicant.

(S) SA ROBERT J. MCKENNAN was advised that the security files of the Central Intelligence Agency contained [redacted] security information.

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Confidential informants of known reliability of the Washington, D. C. area, each of whom is familiar with a particular phase of Communist Party activity in the Washington, D. C. area advised that neither the applicant nor any member of his family was known to them.

The following investigation was conducted in 1947:

The files of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflected that passport number 31815 was issued May 2, 1929 to the applicant for travel to the British Isles,

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France, Germany, Belgium and Holland for one year. On April 29, 1931 this passport was extended for two years by the American Consulate at Basel, Switzerland. On the application for this passport the applicant stated he was born in St. Davids, Pennsylvania on March 30, 1913 and his permanent residence was listed as 407 Tillow Road, South Orange, New Jersey.

Passport number 100453 was issued to the applicant May 14, 1934 for travel to England and France for three months on pleasure. On May 7, 1936 the American Vice Consul in Berlin, Germany renewed this passport for two years and at this time the applicant advised he represented the United Press of America, Daily News Building, New York, New York.

Special passport number 9746 was issued to the applicant June 28, 1946. At this time the applicant stated his permanent residence as 105 W. Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

On June 26, 1946 the Strategic Services Unit of the War Department advised the State Department that the applicant had been ordered to Switzerland, Austria and Germany and that he would report to the Strategic Services Officer at Frankfurt, Germany.

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The information concerning the investigation of the applicant in 1947 was contained in the report of SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., dated January 5, 1948 at Washington, D. C. entitled "RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, Applicant, CIA."

Informants

T-1 Anonymous
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The following confidential informants were contacted in instant investigation concerning the applicant and his family:

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| | whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA JOHN M. deBETTENCOURT 3/6/53. |
| | whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA SEYMOR FRED PHILLIPS, 2/25/53. |
| | whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA THOMAS C. RIES, 2/19/53. |
| | whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA ROBERT H. PAUL, JR., 2/20/53. |
| | whose identity is known to the Bureau, contacted by SA JOSEPH E. KELLER, 3/9/53. |

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 17, 1953

FROM

SAC, WFO (118-3108)

SUBJECT:

RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS-WA-67749
 aka Richard McGaragh Helms,
 Richard McGarragh Helms,
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Enclosed herewith is the report of SA WALLACE A. HAWKINS dated March 16, 1953 at Washington, D. C., captioned as above.

It is to be noted that the former address of the applicant in instant investigation at 2620 Foxhall Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C. was included in a project requested by President Harry S. Truman in connection with a security check of State Department leaks.

On April 24, 1945 Inspector M. E. GURNEA requested a technical surveillance at that address, which was listed in the names of JOHN C. GEILFUSS and DAGGETT H. HOWARD. Other persons residing at that address included Lt. BERNARD T. BRENNAN, Captain JAMES R. BURGESS, Lt. Col. HARRY C. GREEN, Lt. EDWARD A. McELWAIN, Major JOHN F. RUNNALLS, Lt. A. E. TATHAM, Lt. JOHN M. WOOLSEY and JULES HANAFORD.

This surveillance was predicated on information that EDWARD F. PRITCHARD who resided there had been named in summary memorandum covering previous security leaks in the State Department. It is noted that these and other friends of the applicant resided at that address. It was impossible to successfully complete this technical surveillance and this part of the project was discontinued April 27, 1945.

This information is being set out here rather than in the details of the report, inasmuch as there is no indication that the applicant was in any way involved in this surveillance or that he was residing at this address during the alleged security leaks in the State Department.

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It is to be noted that the report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., dated January 5, 1948, at Washington, D.C., entitled "RICHARD McGARRAH HELMS, Applicant - CIA", contained information that one BURR TRACY ANSELL was a board member and attended meetings at the National Executive Committee of the National Lawyers Guild, Washington, D.C., April 2, 1937, and that he is on the membership list and last paid dues August 19, 1939. Further, that at two Executive Board meetings in Washington, D.C., dated May 19, 1938, and February 20, 1938, a Mr. ANSELL was absent. A review of the Washington Field Office files reveals that this information is not supported by any documentary evidence. Therefore, it is not being set forth in the details of the enclosed report.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: December 11, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR'S AUTOGRAPH
ON "THE FBI STORY"

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① son of
Richard Helms, Chief of Operations (Foreign Intelligence),
Central Intelligence Agency.

On December 10, 1956, Mr. Helms asked the Liaison Agent if the Director would be kind enough to autograph the enclosed copy of "The FBI Story" for his son. Mr. Helms pointed out that the youngster was a great admirer of the Director and he, Mr. Helms, plans to give the book to his son for a Christmas present.

Helms has been friendly and cooperative with the Bureau. The Director may recall that Helms discussed the book with him on the night of the Liaison Party, December 4, 1956.

RECOMMENDATION:

If the Director approves, it is recommended that the enclosed copy of "The FBI Story" be autographed for . The book should be returned to Mr. Helms through the Liaison Agent.

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Enclosure

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Papich

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: October 3, 1955

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel Sheffield Edwards
Director of Security

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

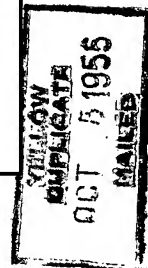
Subject:
RICHARD MC GARRAN HELMS
Central Intelligence Agency
SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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Pursuant to your request, Lee Davis Lauren has been interviewed by a representative of the Washington Field Office of this Bureau. Mr. Lauren advised that the only information he possessed concerning was hearsay and the source of his information was a member of the staff of Senator Joseph McCarthy. Lauren said he had heard that

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Lauren advised that the only other person at Central Intelligence Agency concerning whom he had heard anything was Richard Helms. His source is the same as his source of the information concerning . Lauren said he had heard it was Helms who was



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responsible more than anyone else within the Central Intelligence Agency for rehiring so many former Office of Strategic Services personnel whom General Donovan had eliminated for security reasons.

Lauren stated he had never met or Richard Helms.

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During the interview, Lauren advised that in 1952 he was the Subversive Intelligence Analyst at the Strategic Air Command Headquarters and he came to Washington to do research. In his research he had deduced that Jay Lovestone is still very communistic "and the apparatus of which Lovestone is a part is more dangerous to the United States than Communism as personified by the Russians" in that while we are so concerned in every way with the Soviets and the practices which they personify, "the Soviets are actually being implemented within all of our institutions from within." Lauren stated Lovestone and several labor attaches are part of the "apparatus which is inducing the United States into an international socialistic organization, diffusing our international definitions in economics, politics and culture."

During the interview, Lauren advised he is a captain in the United States Air Force Reserves and had been employed to assist the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He stated that about a year ago he was in line for a high position in the State Department but did not obtain the position and he believes there is a flag in the State Department files against his name. He said his reason for so thinking is that apparently the word had gone around, down through the Republican National Committee to the State Department that he is anti-Semitic and has a file relating to this. He stated this is untrue but the word has apparently gone around, although, no one apparently wants to put it on the record.

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Letter to Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Pursuant to your request, investigation is currently being conducted regarding [redacted] under the provisions of Executive Order 10450.

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This Bureau's files reflect that applicant-type investigations were conducted regarding Richard McGarrah Helms, who may be identical with the Richard Helms referred to by Lauren. These investigations were conducted in late 1947 and early 1948 and in 1953. The reports of the earlier investigation were furnished to your Agency on February 19, 1948, your file 7190. The reports of the later investigation were furnished to your Agency on November 9, 1953.

(S) This Bureau's files further reflect that Richard Helms of your Agency was interviewed in 1951 in connection with an investigation of [redacted] your file [redacted].
(S) The remarks furnished by Mr. Helms at that time are set forth in the report of Special Agent Carl A. Harria, dated March 23, 1951, at Washington, D. C., entitled [redacted].
(S) [redacted] Applicant - CIA. A copy of this report was furnished your Agency by memorandum dated March 27, 1951.

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(S) A Personal History Statement dated January 10, 1947, for [redacted] submitted to this Bureau with your letter dated January 21, 1953, regarding [redacted] lists a character reference of [redacted] as Richard Helms. Your letter of January 21, 1953, indicated your Agency contemplated an interview with [redacted] regarding [redacted].

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This Bureau contemplates no further investigation regarding Richard McGarrah Helms in the absence of a request from your Agency. The results of the current investigation being conducted regarding [redacted] will be furnished to your Agency immediately upon the completion of the investigation.

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(NOTE: This letter is classified "~~SECRET~~" as CIA's request that Lauren be interviewed was so classified.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: June 5, 1961

FROM : Mr. C. D. DeLoach *D/er*SUBJECT: TESTIMONY - SENATE INTERNAL
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The following volume of testimony has been received from the Committee and sent to Mr. Sizoo of the Domestic Intelligence Division for appropriate review and return to my office to be returned to the Committee:

Volume 1, June 2, 1961 - Executive Session - ~~Confidential~~

Testimony of
Richard Helms, Assistant Director, Central Intelligence Agency

- 1 - Mr. Sizoo
 1 - Mr. H. M. Anderson, Room 7635 (with testimony)

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MR. A. H. BELMONT

March 8, 1957

W. C. Sullivan

ALLEGATIONS OF GENERAL ARTHUR S. TRUDEAU
RE INFILTRATION OF FABIAN SOCIALISTS INTO HIGH
POLICY-MAKING AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS:

Reference is made to allegations of General Arthur S. Trudeau, former Assistant Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and former G-2 (Army Intelligence) chief, concerning possible infiltration of Fabian socialists and communists into high policy-making areas of Government service. This matter has required very detailed and extensive file review on names submitted by General Trudeau. As there was no urgency, this has been done from time to time by the Central Research Section, other work permitting. Background on Fabian socialism and General Trudeau's feud with Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) set forth.

The Results

1. Over 5,500 references were reviewed in Bureau files on 122 names listed on charts and memoranda left with the Bureau by General Trudeau.
2. Three names were not identified in Bureau files, making a total of 119 names which were identified.
3. Identifiable derogatory information was found on 105 of the 119 individuals identified and is set forth in enclosure under separate captions.
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6. Cases are pending on three subjects not now in Government employment. Cases on other individuals have been closed.
7. No attempt was made to verify present number of individuals still in Government because of the Director's instructions to remain out of G-2 and CIA feud. It was correctly assumed that inquiry would have aroused curiosity and questions in high policy-making Government circles.

Conclusions

1. FBI files do not contain any specific, concrete, and conclusive proof that the subjects are Fabian socialists as charged by General Trudeau.
2. FBI files do not contain any similar conclusive proof that these subjects have been and, in some instances, are influencing Government policy along Fabian socialist lines as charged by General Trudeau.
3. FBI files do show, however, that a considerable amount of "smoke" surrounds these subjects in that many have been charged by associates and acquaintances with the following:
 - a. Describing Chinese communists as being harmless "agrarian reformers" when they should have known that they were actually communists
 - b. Suppressing information unfavorable to communists and communism
 - c. Issuing slanted reports favoring communism
 - d. Minimizing the threat of Soviet Russia to peace and democracy
 - e. Manifesting thinking which coincides with socialist thinking in different instances

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f. Lacking, from a loyalty standpoint, in qualifications desired in strategic or sensitive Government positions

4. Others have been named by Louis Budenz, former official of the Communist Party, USA, as being communist or under communist discipline.

To sum up: While the evidence is not present to prove the validity of General Trudeau's charges, it must be admitted that the persons singled out by General Trudeau do not, in the main, have altogether clean, sound, and unquestionable security backgrounds. However, the FBI has investigated 94 of the 105 subjects on whom there is derogatory information. Proper dissemination of available derogatory information has also been made on those persons not investigated. Therefore, there appears to be no more to do at this time.

It is interesting to note that this study does show the FBI was already aware of these subjects and had information on them long before General Trudeau submitted their names.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That no dissemination be made of allegations by General Trudeau in accordance with Director's indication that Bureau should not in any way become involved in the dispute between G-2 and CIA.

(2) That no dissemination be made of information set forth in enclosure under individual captions inasmuch as information of a derogatory nature in Bureau files has received proper dissemination.

(3) That no new cases be opened on individuals named by General Trudeau since charges do not constitute sufficient basis for opening new investigations.

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(4) That this cover memorandum and enclosure containing information be filed in 100-420468, the file for material furnished by General Trudeau.

(5) That a copy of this cover memorandum be placed in case file of subjects, along with a copy of the summary of information on each particular individual.

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DETAILS:

General Trudeau Material

General Trudeau furnished the Director with charts and memoranda purporting to substantiate charges that certain individuals in and out of Government were influencing the United States to take a soft policy against Soviet Russia and world communism. General Trudeau furnished the names of individuals, some allegedly with Fabian socialist leanings and possibly some with communist leanings, who, he stated, had penetrated certain policy-forming organs of our Government, including State Department, CIA, Operations Coordinating Board, Planning Control Group, and Planning Board, as well as academic research units at Harvard, Princeton, and Johns Hopkins Universities, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations which do research work for the Government.

Trudeau material furnished last names only on majority of individuals. Later, Colonel Earle L. Lerette, G-2, furnished limited additional identifying data.

Bureau files reflect that Colonel Lerette and a Lieutenant Colonel Phillip J. Corso, Operations Coordinating Board, associates of General Trudeau, disseminated information regarding Fabian socialist charges outside the Executive Branch and that G-2 did not handle the matter of Fabian socialists in a secure and prudent manner. (62-9798; 100-420468-5, 10, 11) As a result, Colonel Lerette was accused by CIA of releasing false and derogatory information about that agency.

Fabian Socialism

Fabian socialism had its origin with the Fabian Society in England in 1884, largely as the result of influence and teaching of an American, Professor Thomas Davidson. The end of Fabian socialism is the elimination of private ownership as an exclusive means of production and the substitution of state or social ownership of the means of production; hence, socialism. The name Fabian was derived from a Roman general, Quintus Fabius Maximus Verrucosus, who became famous by his military tactics of avoiding direct battles, resorting to deliberate procrastination, and using delaying procedures

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during his defense of Rome against the attacks of Hannibal. The aim of Fabian socialism is to permeate every segment of society with socialistic ideas, words, attitudes, tendencies, and modes of thinking in order to gradually lay the foundation of a slow, steady, peaceful transformation of the social order from capitalism to socialism. The tactics of Fabian socialism include concessions, compromises, advances, avoidance of conflict, all of which are to be made with great patience.

CIA - G-2 Feud

General Trudeau was relieved in August, 1955, of his duties as Assistant Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, and as head of Army G-2, and was transferred to the Far East Command. General Trudeau's removal stemmed from charges by Allen Dulles, Director of CIA, who claimed that General Trudeau's dealings with top West German officials, including Dr. Heinz L. Krekler, West German Ambassador to the United States, and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, during the latter's visit to the United States in 1955, were prejudicial to United States intelligence efforts. General Trudeau was reportedly critical to Ambassador Krekler and Chancellor Adenauer regarding the West German intelligence organization headed by General Reinhard von Gehlen which had been subsidized by CIA.

James Angleton, CIA, confidentially advised the Bureau on August 1, 1955, that CIA had evidence that General Trudeau, in his visits with Ambassador Krekler and Chancellor Adenauer, had violated the CIA and G-2 agreement on foreign espionage and counterespionage activities, and that CIA had protested to the White House.

General Trudeau advised the Bureau on August 8, 1955, that in his visits with Ambassador Krekler and Chancellor Adenauer he had discussed nothing of an intelligence nature not already known. He admitted being at odds with CIA and stated that he believed CIA was attempting to gain complete control of the foreign intelligence field. He stated that if CIA accomplished its purpose, the military intelligence services might as well go out of business. (62-9798-2653, 2657, 2661, 2674, 2680)

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According to an article by John O'Donnell, newspaper columnist, in the New York Daily News, September 2, 1955, page 2, General Trudeau was "fired" by President Eisenhower at the personal request of Allen Dulles, Director of CIA. According to O'Donnell, Dulles complained that Trudeau had talked with Chancellor Adenauer, without notifying CIA, in order to lessen Adenauer's confidence in the "CIA-bankrolled setup" in Germany operated by Reinhard Gehlen.

File Reviews

An analysis of the allegations of General Trudeau required very detailed and extensive file reviews on names submitted by General Trudeau. As there was no urgency, this has been done from time to time by the Central Research Section, other work permitting.

Results

1. Over 5,500 references were reviewed in Bureau files on 122 names in charts and memoranda left with the Bureau by General Trudeau.
2. Three names were not identified in Bureau files, leaving a total of 119 names which were identified.
3. Identifiable derogatory information was found on 105 of the 119 individuals identified and is set forth in enclosure under separate captions.
4. Of the 105 individuals on whom identifiable derogatory information was found, 94 have been investigated by the Bureau under classifications of Atomic Energy Act, Voice of America, Loyalty of Government Employees, Security of Government Employees, CIA-Applicant, Special Inquiry-White House, Security Matter-C, Internal Security-R, and others. Results of investigations have been disseminated.
5. Proper dissemination has been made of identifiable derogatory information on the remaining individuals not investigated.

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6. Cases are pending on three subjects not now in Government employment. Cases on other individuals have been closed.

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Conclusions

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2. FBI files do not contain any similar conclusive proof that the individuals named by General Trudeau have been and, in some instances, are influencing Government policy along Fabian socialist lines as charged by General Trudeau.

It is to be noted that Bureau files do not contain a record of day-to-day decisions of these individuals and do not set forth the part which they have played in policies formulated. There is no information in individual files regarding the decisions which General Trudeau has stated were influenced by individuals named.

3. Derogatory information is set forth in enclosure regarding individuals who appear to be identical with names on General Trudeau's list. Some reportedly regarded the Chinese communists as "agrarian reformers." Several reportedly suppressed information unfavorable to communist activities in Europe during and after World War II while serving in Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and G-2. Others reportedly minimized the Soviet threat or slanted reports in State Department. Several identified by Whittaker Chambers

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and Elizabeth T. Bentley, former self-admitted Soviet espionage agents, as participants in espionage activities in Washington, D. C., and New York, New York, in the mid 1930's and early 1940's. Several have been critical of the Bureau. Several alleged to be socialists; others "leftist" and "procommunist." Several reported as members, in the past, of organizations cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. Allegations generally name many individuals as questionable for strategic or sensitive Government employment.

4. Several were named by Louis Budenz, former Communist Party, USA, official, as being communists or under communist discipline.

Some of the sources of information used in the enclosure were closely associated with the individuals named and requested that their identities be concealed. Others expressed a willingness or unwillingness to testify in loyalty or court proceedings against individuals named. In order to indicate the desires of the source an (a) was placed after the names of sources who requested that their identities be concealed. A (b) was placed after the sources' name when he was willing to testify. A (c) was used to indicate source not willing to testify.

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Information set forth in the enclosure from [] should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

The following eight individuals, who appear to be identical with names furnished by General Trudeau, have been investigated by the Bureau with no identifiable derogatory information developed. Results of investigations have been disseminated.

1. []
Central Intelligence Group-Applciant, 1947
2. []
Central Intelligence Agency-Applciant, 1951
Atomic Energy Act-Applciant, 1952
3. []
Central Intelligence Agency-Applciant, 1949

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4. William Roscoe Kintner
Atomic Energy Act-Applicant, 1954

5.
European Recovery Program, 1947
Special Inquiry, 1955

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6. Ludwell Lee Montague
Atomic Energy Act-Applicant, 1951

7.
Central Intelligence Agency-Applicant, 1949

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8. William Clyde Trueheart
Atomic Energy Act-Applicant, 1947

The following six individuals, who appear to be identical with names furnished by General Trudeau have not been investigated by the Bureau. No identifiable derogatory information was found in Bureau files on these individuals.

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It was not possible to identify the following three names furnished by General Trudeau. No first names were given.

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The enclosure contains an Appendix setting forth the organizations and publications which have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 or cited by congressional or state committees. The names of pertinent organizations and publications in the summaries have been marked by asterisks for citation in the Appendix.

It is interesting to note that this study does show the FBI was already aware of these subjects and had information on them long before General Trudeau submitted their names in connection with his charges of Fabian socialist infiltration into high policy-making areas of the Government.

SUMMARIES OF PERTINENT INFORMATION
ON INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN GENERAL
TRUDEAU'S ALLEGATIONS RE FABIAN
SOCIALIST INFILTRATION OF HIGH
POLICY-MAKING AREAS OF UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT

March 8, 1957

RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS

Richard McGarrah Helms appears to be identical with the Helm indicated in material furnished by General Trudeau.

Background

Helms was born March 30, 1913, at St. Davids, Pennsylvania. He was graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, with an A. B. degree in 1935. He was employed by the United Press from 1935 to 1937 in London, England and Berlin, Germany. From 1937 to 1942, he was with the Indianapolis, Indiana, Times. He served with the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946, transferring to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in 1943. From 1946 to 1947, he was with the Central Intelligence Group (CIG) and since that time has been with CIA. (116-371389-1)

Unfavorable Information

[redacted] has stated that some of his [redacted] reports were filed in the "not used files" and classified "biased and unreliable." [redacted] said that several individuals, one of whom was named Helms, were responsible for classifying these reports and he considered these individuals procommunist, because of the way his reports had been handled. He added that he was certain none of the individuals were members of the Communist Party* since they were too intelligent. (100-350685)

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Don Surine of the staff of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy advised in 1954 that the Jenner Committee of the U. S. Senate had developed information regarding individuals on CIA's payroll. Surine stated that an informant advised that Richard Helms of CIA was in a unique position and could become a key witness if it became apparent to Helms that he should protect himself. Surine stated that Helms had advised a potential witness on the CIA that he (Helms) might become involved in matters investigated by the Jenner Committee, but that there were others in CIA far more deeply involved than himself. (62-80750-2289)

*See Appendix for citation.

In 1955, Mr. Nichols received information regarding several individuals from a source which he designated as [redacted]. According to the source, Richard Helms of the CIA and others connected with the WIN project had misled CIA officials and pictured the CIA controlled Polish underground as so good that it could overthrow Poland whenever it was desired. It is to be noted that the WIN project of CIA concerned the reactivation of a Polish Resistance Movement into which CIA reportedly spent some \$6,000,000. The source also reported that this WIN organization had been infiltrated by Polish Security Police as early as 1947. (62-80750-2614X)

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(S) According to the source, there was a homosexual clique in the Records Department of CIA [redacted] in 1949 and this situation was the direct responsibility of Richard Helms who had charge of all hiring of personnel. (62-80750-2614X)

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Favorable Information

Professional associates, social acquaintances, college classmates, neighbors, and references have stated that Helms is a loyal American citizen.

(116-371389; 118-2978)

Other Information

Helms investigated by Bureau under Internal Security-R, 1947; Central Intelligence Group-ApPLICANT, 1947; Atomic Energy Act-ApPLICANT, 1952. Results disseminated.

APPENDIX

ORGANIZATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS MENTIONED IN TEXT WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450 OR CITED BY CONGRESSIONAL OR STATE COMMITTEES

The names of organizations and publications in the summaries which were marked by asterisk for citation in the Appendix are listed below.

Those organizations or publications cited by congressional or state committees are listed in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., January 2, 1957. Those cited only by the committees have been identified in the following list by the page number on which the citations appear in the Guide.

Those designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 have been identified with the notation (Executive Order 10450).

Abraham Lincoln Brigade (Executive Order 10450)

Amerasia (Guide, p. 99)

American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom (Guide, p. 7)

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (Executive Order 10450)

American Friends of Spanish Democracy (Guide, p. 10)

American Friends of the Chinese People (Guide, p. 10)

American League Against War and Fascism (Executive Order 10450)

American League for Peace and Democracy (Executive Order 10450)

American Labor Party (Guide, p. 11)

American Peace Mobilization (Executive Order 10450)

American Russian Institute (Executive Order 10450)

American Slav Congress (Executive Order 10450)

American Student Union (Guide, p. 18)

American Youth for a Free World (Guide, p. 19)

American Youth for Democracy (Executive Order 10450)

China Aid Council (Guide, p. 24)

China Today (Guide, p. 99)

Civil Rights Congress (Executive Order 10450)

Civil Rights Federation (Guide, pp. 26, 56)

Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy (Executive Order 10450)

Committee for the Care of Young Children in Wartime (Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, Communist Front Organizations, Report of Joint Fact-Finding Committee to the 1948 Regular California Legislature, Sacramento, 1948, p. 168)

Committee of One Thousand (Guide, p. 118)

Committee to Defend America by Keeping out of War (Guide, p. 29)

Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas (Executive Order 10450)

Communist Party, USA (Executive Order 10450)

Communist Political Association (Executive Order 10450)

Congress of American Women (Executive Order 10450)

Consumers Union (Guide, p. 141)

Coordinating Committee to Lift the (Spanish) Embargo (Guide, p. 35)

Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (Guide, p. 44)

Industrial Workers of the World (Executive Order 10450)

Institute of Pacific Relations (Guide, p. 45)

International Juridical Association (Guide, p. 46)

International Labor Defense (Executive Order 10450)

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (Executive Order 10450)

League of American Writers (Executive Order 10450)

League of Women Shoppers (Guide, p. 53)

Morning Freiheit (Guide, p. 104)

National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (Executive Order 10450)

National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions (Guide, p. 61)

National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights (Guide, p. 62)

National Federation for Constitutional Liberties (Executive Order 10450)

National Free Browder Congress (Guide, p. 63)

National Lawyers' Guild (Guide, p. 64)

North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy (Executive Order 10450)

Open Road (Fourth Report Un-American Activities in California, 1948, Communist Front Organizations, Report of Joint Fact-Finding Committee to the 1948 Regular California Legislature, Sacramento, 1948, pp. 336, 341)

Science and Society (Guide, p. 108)

Socialist Workers Party (Executive Order 10450)

Southern Conference for Human Welfare (Guide, p. 81)

Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign (Guide, p. 81)

United American Spanish Aid Committee (Executive Order 10450)

Washington Bookshop Association (Executive Order 10450)

Washington Committee for Democratic Action (Executive Order 10450)

Washington Friends of Spanish Democracy (Guide, p. 90)

Women's International Democratic Federation (Guide, p. 91)

Young Communist League (Executive Order 10450)

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Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: 6-17-61

FROM : MR. W. A. BRANIGAN

~~1 - Mr. Belmont~~
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY - SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY
SUBCOMMITTEE (RICHARD HELMS, ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,
JUNE 2, 1961, RE "COMMUNIST FORGERIES")

1 - Mr. Mooney
1 - Mr. Whitson

On 6-2-61 Richard Helms, Assistant Director, CIA, testified in Executive Session before the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. His testimony will be released to the public 6-18-61.

Helms discussed the use by the Soviet bloc of false news articles, fabricated intelligence reports, distortions of genuine documents and accounts attributed to a nonexistent organization. Most of the material has been in the world's press during the past four years and has been denied or refuted as the case may be by the State Department where it applied directly to U.S. policy or personalities in Government.

An example of recent propaganda was the story that CIA had backed the revolt of the Algerian generals against de Gaulle. The story was first planted presumably by the Russians in "Il Paese", an Italian newspaper not recognized as communist, but used in the past for printing anti-U.S. propaganda. The story was picked up the next day by "Pravda," Tass and Moscow Radio which gave it widest dissemination. The following day the story, with some embellishments, was printed in CP papers in London and Paris. At the same time, Genevieve Tabouis, an anti-American pro-Soviet French journalist, printed a variation on the story in a noncommunist Paris newspaper quoting a nonexistent letter from British Prime Minister Macmillan to President Kennedy warning the latter against the generals. This variation was then picked up by Tass and Moscow Radio and given further dissemination. Thereafter, Moscow Radio telephoned the Washington "Post" and asked about a reference to the CIA Algerian allegations in the "Post's" "Letters to the Editor." The Russian read the letter back to the employee at the "Post" who merely verified that such a letter had been received and printed. On 5-5-61 the telephone conversation which had been recorded was broadcast by Moscow Radio to Soviet listeners. Obviously, the tape recording the call had been doctored to include long propaganda statements by the Soviet inquirer.

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Memo for Mr. Sullivan

RE: TESTIMONY - SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

During the past four years 32 phony documents purporting to be written to or by U.S. Government officials have been printed by Soviet, East German and other bloc agencies in various newspapers. The most frequently used is "Neues Deutschland" in East Berlin, which is suspected as a propaganda organ because it is the official paper of the East German Socialist Unity Party (SED). Another favorite for planted documents and propaganda stories is the newspaper "Blitz" in Bombay, India. The Soviet Committee of State Security (KGB) has an outlet in the newspaper "Mirror" in Burma. This paper was used during a period of negotiation between the U.S. and Indonesia for the publication of a false intelligence report "proving" U.S. support of Indonesian rebels against the Indonesian Government.

During 1960 and 1961 the bloc has distributed a pamphlet purporting to come from "African Friends Association," a nonexistent organization. This pamphlet has been widely distributed in Africa and purports to set forth in text and pictures atrocities currently perpetrated against Negroes in the U.S.

ACTION:

For your information. Two Photostats of testimony are attached.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: June 15, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

TESTIMONY OF RICHARD HELMS,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

My memorandum dated June 5, 1961, to Mr. W. C. Sullivan attached the Executive Session testimony of Richard Helms, Assistant Director, Central Intelligence Agency, before a Senate Internal Security Subcommittee meeting on June 2, 1961.

This information has now been printed in booklet form entitled "Communist Forgeries," a copy of which is attached, and will be released to the press this coming Sunday, June 18, 1961. There is also attached a copy of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee press release concerning this hearing.

ACTION:

For referral to the Domestic Intelligence Division.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (w/enclosures - 7)
- 1 - Mr. H. M. Anderson (w/enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. Condon (w/enclosures - 7)
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FOR RELEASE IN NEWSPAPERS OF SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1961
FROM THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D. C.--The Soviet Union is engaged in an ambitious propaganda campaign utilizing forged documents designed to look as though they had been written by or to officials of the American government, according to testimony of a Central Intelligence Agency official released today by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

Richard Helms, assistant director of CIA, told the Subcommittee in closed-session testimony taken June 2 that the agency has "discovered no fewer than 32 forged documents" during the past four years. The published hearing is titled, "Communist Forgeries."

Latest example was the false rumor that the Algerian generals' revolt was supported by NATO, the Pentagon, and CIA.

All 32 of the forged documents are printed in the hearing transcript with Helms' testimony.

Helms said the Algerian revolt rumor was published first in a Rome daily called Il Paese, which purports to be an independent newspaper, but obviously serves Communist ends. From there it was picked up by Pravda and subsequently spread into France and other European countries -- and then over the world.

"We found," said Helms, "that each Soviet forgery is manufactured and spread according to a plan. Each is devised and timed to mesh with other techniques of psychological warfare in support of Soviet strategy."

He said the analysis showed three main purposes: First, to discredit the West generally, and the United States and its government specifically, in the eyes of the rest of the world. Second, to sow suspicion and discord among the Western allies, and especially between the United States and its friends. And third, to drive a wedge between the peoples of non-Communist countries and their governments by fostering the line that the governments do not represent their citizens because they are the puppets of the United States.

Of the 32 examples given by Helms, he noted that only 11 were openly launched by the Communist bloc. "The remaining 21, like cowbird's eggs slipped into other nests, were hatched in places that had no visible ties to the Communist world," Helms said.

An example of documentary deception surfaced by a known Communist organ, Helms said, is a forgery attributed by its authors to Nelson Rockefeller. In February 1957, an East German Communist newspaper published several pages of what purported to be a letter in the "original" English from Rockefeller to President Eisenhower.

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"The letter spelled out a cynical plan for American manipulation of military and economic aid in order to gain domination of the world," Helms said.

Of the 32 forged documents packaged to look like communications to or from American officials, 22 were meant to "demonstrate imperialist American plans and ambitions. Of these, 17 asserted U. S. interference in the affairs of the Communist-selected free world countries."

Some of the documents were never publicized, Helms said. An example was a letter in 1958 insulting the Shah of Iran supposedly written by the Secretary of State to Ambassador Chapin in Iran. It was channeled directly into the Iranian government.

Helms pointed out that not all Communist forgeries are attributed to the U. S. government. Several have been disguised as official documents of other pro-Western administrations.

Another technique is inventing of false intelligence reports designed to influence the policies of Free World governments.

The most recent technique, launched only last year, is warping a genuine American document to Communist purposes. The document used was a background study on U.S. foreign policy in Africa prepared at Northwestern University for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "They did not actually change some of the sentences in it. . .the body of the document was as originally printed, but they lifted certain key sentences and paragraphs out of context," Helms said.

Sometimes the forgeries are attributed to "phantom" organizations. Helms said a current "phantom" document is attributed to a group of American Negroes dubbed "African Friends Association."

"The pamphlet overflows with horror pictures and atrocity stories about the treatment of Negroes in America. . .The leaflet first appeared in Africa last November and it is still being circulated there. Thus far, it has turned up in 16 African countries. A French edition is making the rounds in the French-speaking areas...Technical analysis of the pamphlet has shown that it was printed in Eastern Europe, probably in East Germany," Helms said.

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TO : W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: February 20, 1962

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN

SUBJECT: RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS
 DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PLANS
 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

By memorandum dated February 15, 1962, I advised that Helms was to replace Richard Bissell as Deputy Director of Plans, CIA. This change was announced in the press on February 18, 1962. As previously pointed out, Helms will be in charge of all of the Agency's clandestine operations. He also will be a key figure in dealings between the Bureau and CIA.

Helms was born March 30, 1913, at St. Davids, Pennsylvania; he attended Carteret Academy, Orange, New Jersey, (a prep school), private schools in Germany and Switzerland and graduated from Williams College in 1935. He served as Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Navy from July 1, 1942, until March 19, 1946. During this particular period he was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). He has been employed with CIA and its predecessor organization, the Central Intelligence Group, from October 20, 1946, to the present date. Prior to World War II he was a newspaperman and was connected with the "Indianapolis Times" and United Press. He is married to Julia Helms who is the former wife of Frank Shields, President of the Barbasol Company.

In May, 1947, the Bureau initiated an investigation (Security Matter - C) of Helms on the basis of a letter sent to Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., former member of Congress, by [redacted] of Fairfax, California. In his letter [redacted] claimed that while connected with OSS Helms was responsible for sidetracking intelligence information which had been furnished by [redacted]. Helms was described by [redacted] as being communistically inclined. Bureau investigation did not develop any information indicating that Helms had been engaged in any communist activity. (100-350685) b7D

In 1947 he was investigated as an applicant for CIA by the Bureau. During the course of this investigation [redacted] who did not want his identity revealed in Bureau reports, reiterated the charges against Helms. Bureau investigation did not disclose any other derogatory information. Allen Dulles was listed as one of Helms' references at the time Bureau initiated the investigation. (118-2978) b7D

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Sullivan
 1 - Liaison
 1 - Mr. Papich

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: RICHARD MC GARRAH HELMS

In 1955 Captain Lee Davis Lauren, a reserve officer, U. S. Air Force, advised the Bureau that Helms of CIA had been responsible more than any one else for hiring former OSS employees whom General William Donovan (former OSS Chief) had eliminated for security reasons. Upon being questioned, Lauren stated that the source of his information was Donald Surine who had served as assistant to Senator Joseph McCarthy. (118-2978).

In 1955 General Arthur S. Trudeau furnished the Bureau with a list of over 100 names of individuals in the U. S. Government whom he referred to as "Fabian Socialists." Included in this list was the name of Helms. (100-420468-14)

In December, 1956, Helms was described as friendly and cooperative with the Bureau. He had discussed "The FBI Story" by Don Whitehead with the Director at the Liaison Party on December 4, 1956, and the Director subsequently autographed a copy of "The FBI Story" for Helms' teenaged son who was described as a great admirer of the Director.

Helms made a speech on world communism at the conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Honolulu in September, 1957. The speech contained favorable reference to FBI cooperation with CIA. (62-35717-1633)

By memorandum dated November 29, 1961, a summary concerning CIA was prepared for the Director for his assistance in a meeting which was to be held with Mr. McCone. Helms was described as having been cooperative with the Bureau but we were not in a position to thoroughly evaluate his over-all capabilities. (62-80750-3882)

Over the years we have not had reason to maintain frequent contact with Helms. However, in all of our dealings with him he has been friendly and cooperative.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the enclosed letter from the Director be transmitted to Mr. Helms. congratulating him on his appointment.

A series of handwritten marks and signatures at the bottom of the page. From left to right: a stylized signature, the letters 'EJP', a checkmark, a signature that appears to be 'WJ', a large circular mark, and a signature that reads 'WCS' over 'JTB'.

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March 31, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. DE LOACH

Richard Helms

President Lyndon B. Johnson called and asked what I knew of Mr. Helms, the head of the Planning Division of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). I stated I personally have only met him officially at various conferences, but I would check our files and check with our liaison man with CIA to find out what he thinks of him and let the President know. The President asked that it be on plain paper not showing it is connected with the FBI or the Department and be given to one of my men or Mr. DeLoach to give to him, the President, and nobody else unless it is Mildred Stegall or Marvin Watson. He stated he wanted my evaluation as to the man's weaknesses and strengths. The President stated that Clark Clifford thinks highly of J. Patrick Coyne and the people with whom he has to work and he, the President, wants to put them up as to ages, experience, training, et cetera.

Mr. Belmont's Office has been instructed to handle the above.

The President continued that there is another matter which is really not in my field but he guessed there was nothing with which I had not had some experience, but he had seven names for Ambassadors. One he did not think was the proper time to send up, but there were six others and he wanted me to look at these six again; that the Bureau still has investigations running on them. He stated an evaluation could be made and Mr. DeLoach could go over to the White House and give him, the President, my reactions. The President indicated he would have Marvin Watson call Mr. DeLoach and furnish him the names of the six individuals. The President stated we were bringing their investigations up to date now, but he wanted me to look these six over as they are the Nation's Ambassadors. I told the President I would take a look at them and let him know.

Mr. DeLoach has been advised regarding the above and instructed

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Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 17, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

○ Mrs. Mildred Stegall has requested an FBI name check on Mr. Richard Helms, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1947 the FBI conducted an inquiry relative to Mr. Helms on the basis of an allegation made by [redacted] of Fairfax, California, to the effect that while connected with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in the early 1940's Helms was responsible for sidetracking intelligence information which had been furnished by [redacted]. Helms was described by [redacted] as being communistically inclined. The inquiry conducted by the FBI in 1947 did not develop any information indicating that Helms had been engaged in any communist activities. (100-350685) b7D

In 1957 Mr. Helms was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI in connection with Mr. Helms' employment with the Central Intelligence Agency. During the course of this investigation [redacted] mentioned above, reiterated the charges against Helms; however, our inquiry did not disclose any other derogatory information relative to Helms. (118-2978) b7D

In 1955 Captain Lee Davis Lauren, a reserve officer, United States Air Force, advised the FBI that Helms of the Central Intelligence Agency had been responsible more than anyone else for hiring former OSS employees whom General William Donovan (former OSS Chief) had eliminated for security reasons. Upon being questioned, Lauren stated that the source of his information was Donald Surine who had served as Assistant to Senator Joseph McCarthy. REC-50 100-350685-3

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1 - Mr. Gale
NOTE: To be sent by liaison by Mr. DeLoach's Office.

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Richard Helms

In 1955 General Arthur S. Trudeau furnished the FBI with a list of over 100 names of individuals in the United States Government whom he referred to as "Fabian" Socialists. Included in this list was the name of Richard Helms.

Civil fingerprints were located in the files of the FBI Identification Division which may be identical with those of Mr. Richard Helms. These fingerprints were searched through the criminal files of the Identification Division and no arrest record was located.

Sincerely yours,

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

Priority
MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI

DATE: May 13, 1965

FROM : Mildred Stegall

SUBJECT: FBI Investigation

Subject's Name RICHARD HELMS

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Present Address _____

MARVIN WATSON has requested:

- ☐ Copy of Previous Report
- ☒ Name Check
- ☐ Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

- ☐ White House staff position
- ☐ Presidential Appointment
- ☐ Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

- ☐ SF 86 (in duplicate)
- ☐ SF 87, Fingerprint Card
- ☐ Biography

REMARKS:

In connection with permanent White House Pass. Mr. Helms is the new Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Agency.

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REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: MILDRED STEGALL

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : D. J. Brennan

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan

DATE: 6-18-66

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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF WILLIAM F. RABORN
AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

News media has announced today that Admiral Raborn has resigned as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). On the afternoon of 6-18-66 Liaison learned the following from Howard Osborn, Director of Security, CIA:

The resignation of Admiral Raborn has come as quite a surprise to high officials within that Agency. As of 5:15 last evening, there was no indication at the Agency that Admiral Raborn had any intention of resigning. Osborn had a conversation with Mr. Richard Helms, Deputy Director, CIA, late afternoon of 6-17-66 at which time Helms gave no indication he was aware of Raborn's decision. Osborn is of the opinion that Helms did not know as of that time that Raborn planned to resign.

Although officials at CIA have no idea as to the reason for Raborn's decision, Osborn speculates that Raborn's decision results from a personal conflict between the President and Raborn. News media have indicated Raborn's decision to resign may have resulted from a conflict between Raborn and Senator Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Of the two possibilities, Liaison is of the belief Rayborn's resignation results from a personal conflict with the President rather than a conflict over members of Fulbright's committee having membership on the committee which oversees CIA operations.

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For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN

DATE: June 20, 1966

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN, JR.

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

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Helms will not officially become Director of CIA until he is confirmed by the Senate. There is set forth for the Director's use a summary of Helms' background:

Helms was born March 30, 1915, at Saint Davids, Pennsylvania. He attended Carteret Academy in New Jersey and private schools in Germany and Switzerland prior to attending Williams College, where he graduated in 1935. He served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy from July, 1942, until March, 1946, during which time he was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). He has been employed with CIA and its predecessor organization, the Central Intelligence Group, from October 20, 1946, to the present date. Prior to World War II, he was a newspaperman and was connected with the "Indianapolis Times" and with the United Press. He is married to Julia Helms, who is the former wife of Frank Shields, President of the Barbasol Company.

During the period 1946-1950, Helms handled various overseas intelligence assignments and was considered a specialist on Germany. He came to CIA Headquarters in 1950 and immediately became one of the key officials under the Deputy Director of Plans (responsible for CIA clandestine intelligence operations). He served as Chief of Operations under Frank Wisner and Richard Bissell during the period 1951-1962. In February, 1962, John McCone appointed Helms to succeed Bissell as Deputy Director of Plans. In April, 1965, Helms became Deputy Director of CIA at the same time that Raborn was appointed as Director.

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Memorandum from Mr. Brennan to Mr. Sullivan
RE: RICHARD HELMS
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

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In 1955, General Arthur S. Trudeau furnished the Bureau with a list of over 100 names of individuals in the U. S. Government, whom he referred to as "Fabian Socialists." Included in this list was the name of Helms. (100-420468-14)

Over the years our dealings with Helms have been friendly and cooperative, and we believe we can get along with him satisfactorily at this time.

In 1965, the Director sent a letter to Helms congratulating him on his appointment as Deputy Director of the Agency. (62-80750-4306)

ACTION:

For information.

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H. [signature]

June 20, 1966

BY LIAISON
PERSONAL

Honorable Richard Helms
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations on your promotion to the position as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. I am sure the success which has characterized your career will continue with you in this assignment.

My associates and I are deeply grateful for the assistance and cooperation you have furnished us, and we look forward to a continuation of the relationship we have enjoyed with you. We want to express very best wishes for all possible success.

Sincerely yours,

1- Liaison Section

NOTE: Bureau relations with Helms have been friendly and cooperative and the Director wrote him in 1962 upon his appointment as Deputy Director of Plans and again in April, 1965, upon his appointment as Deputy Director. He met with the Director in April, 1965, after his appointment.

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WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID TODAY IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO SAY WHETHER A TAX INCREASE MIGHT BE NEEDED THIS YEAR. CABINET OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN SPECULATING ON THE MATTER ARE SPEAKING FOR THEMSELVES, HE SAID.

IN A WIDE-RANGING, 38-MINUTE NEWS CONFERENCE IN HIS OVAL OFFICE, JOHNSON ALSO:

--ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. RICHARD M. HELMS -- NOW DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA--WAS PICKED TO SUCCEED HIM.

--STRONGLY REAFFIRMED DETERMINATION TO PURSUE HIS PRESENT VIET NAM POLICY AND SAID HE BELIEVES THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS SUPPORT IT.

--NAMED DR. SAMUEL M. NABRIT, PRESIDENT OF TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, AS A MEMBER OF THE AEC, THE FIRST NEGRO TO HOLD SUCH A POST.

--REAPPOINTED ROSEL H. HYDE, A REPUBLICAN, TO THE FCC AND DESIGNATED HIM TO SUCCEED E. WILLIAM HENRY AS FCC CHAIRMAN.

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June 20, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Richard Helms
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dick:

Helms

I was certainly pleased to learn of your appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. This is indeed an expression of the respect and esteem you enjoy and a well-deserved recognition of your ability. You have my very best wishes for every possible success as you assume your new responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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Clyde Tolson

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: *June 20 1966*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 13395. The Senate received the following Executive nomination: Richard Helms, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Original filed in:

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July 20, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. SULLIVAN

Yesterday evening, Mr. Bill Moyers, Press Secretary to the President, called me by phone and stated the President had asked him to get in touch with me relative to a situation concerning Director Richard Helms of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Mr. Moyers told me that Helms had written a letter to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat praising an editorial appearing in that paper entitled, "Brickbat for Fulbright."

Mr. Moyers stated that Helms had been lured into appearing before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, of which Senator Fulbright is Chairman, this morning and the President desired that I get in touch with Mr. Helms and give him some advice and counsel as to how to handle himself so as to avoid the greatest embarrassment.

I communicated with Mr. Helms by telephone last evening and advised him of the request of the President for me to talk to him about his appearance before the Fulbright Committee this morning. I stated that as he, Mr. Helms, well knew, Senator Fulbright controlled the Committee by a substantial majority and that my advice to him, Mr. Helms, would be to have someone in his organization who might know Senator Mundt and Senator Hickenlooper, contact these Senators to ask questions that would bring out the basic facts as both Senator Mundt and Senator Hickenlooper were considered favorable to CIA.

I also advised Mr. Helms that while I thought he should, of course, be courteous in his appearance before the Committee, he should not in any way cringe, as he would certainly then lose all face with the Committee which would in the future, no doubt, make it quite miserable for him.

Mr. Helms expressed his appreciation for the advice which I gave him and said he would certainly follow it.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Sullivan

July 29, 1966

Mr. Helms did not tell me at the time that he had already personally apologized to Senator Fulbright for having written a letter complimenting the St. Louis Globe-Democrat upon its editorial. I learned this this morning when I read the articles in the press.

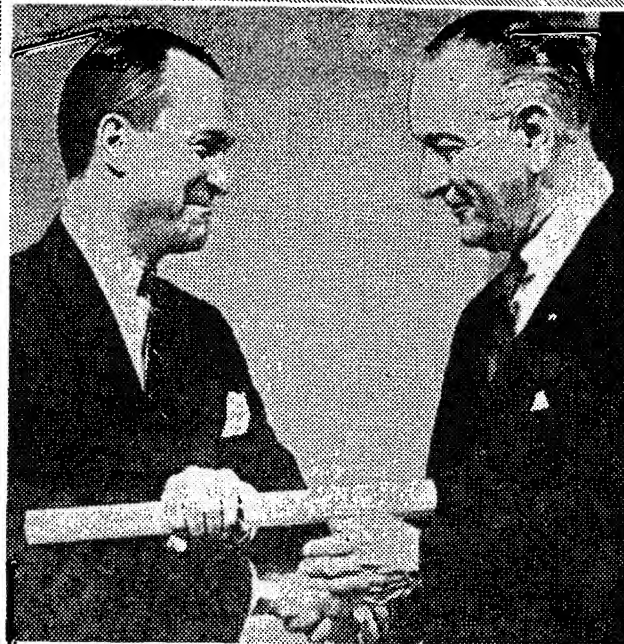
Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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HELMS AT THE HELM — President Johnson congratulated Richard M. Helms after the latter was sworn in as director of the CIA yesterday at a ceremony in the East Room of the White House. Mr. Helms, 53, a career man in national security intelligence, succeeds Admiral William F. Raborn.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 6-27-66

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 12871. The Senate confirmed the following Executive nomination: Richard Helms, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 28, 1966

FROM : J. H. Gale

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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER ARTICLES
ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT

(LETTER TO EDITOR
FROM CIA DIRECTOR HELMS)

At 8:00 p.m., July 28, 1966, SAC T. J. Gearty of the St. Louis Office telephonically contacted the Bureau in response to Mr. DeLoach's telephone call to him earlier in the evening and spoke to SA Orvis J. Auerswald on duty in the Special Investigative Division. SAC Gearty advised the following articles appeared in the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

July 18, 1966, edition:

BRICKBAT FOR FULBRIGHT

Senator J. W. Fulbright has been given his come-uppance by the Senate. The Senate resoundingly defeated the Fulbright move to put the CIA properly under his Foreign Relations Committee. The crafty Arkansan had sought to take away some of the duties of the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committee whose ranking members have exclusive supervision of CIA. After a heated debate in an extraordinary closed session the Senate voted 61 to 28 to send the Fulbright resolution to the Senate Armed Services Committee chairmaned by Senator Richard B. Russell who severely attacked Fulbright's attempt to "muscle into" responsibilities of the Armed Services Committee. This was tantamount to killing the resolution. Fulbright's proposal should have been doomed from the start. It could mean the end of the CIA if the agency were subjected to the claws of the militant doves of Fulbright's committee. The resolution should never have been offered. The CIA has long been one of our most valuable agencies in foreign affairs. Its accomplishments are legion. The Senate properly rebuked Senator Fulbright and gave the CIA a sound vote of confidence.

The following article appeared on the editorial page under "Maelbag" of the July 27, 1966, edition of the St. Louis Globe Democrat:

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: Newspaper Articles
St. Louis Globe Democrat

CIA HEAD PLEASED

To the Editor: I want to let you know of my pleasure in reading the editorial "Brickbat for Fulbright" in the Globe Democrat of July 18.

It reflects so well your paper's policy of "printing the news impartially, supporting what it believes to be right and opposing what it believes to be wrong without regard to party politics."
Richard Helms, Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C.

ACTION

For information.

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Commended Paper's Anti-Fulbright Stand

Senators Rebuke CIA

Chief for Writing Letter

By George Lardner Jr.
Washington Post Staff Writer

Central Intelligence Agency director Richard Helms was handed a spanking in the Senate yesterday for his letter-writing habits.

Even members of the Senate's exclusive CIA oversight committee said they were shocked.

Helms, Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.) told his colleagues, had written a Letter to the Editor.

Not just any letter, mind you, but a letter commending the St. Louis Globe-Democrat for an editorial entitled "Brickbats for Fulbright."

"It was entirely out of place for him to have done that," McCarthy said, sinking the dagger into the CIA chief's cloak. "We are told that the CIA does not participate in domestic politics. This is a new departure."

The July 18 editorial rapped Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) for his Foreign Rela-



The Washington Post
RICHARD HELMS

tions Committee's unsuccessful move to win three seats on the CIA oversight committee. It said the Senate had properly "rebuked" the "crafty Arkansan."

In a letter published by the

Globe Democrat on Wednesday, the CIA director said: "I want to let you know of my pleasure in reading the editorial, 'Brickbats for Fulbright' . . . It reflects so well your paper's policy of 'printing the news impartially, supporting what it believes to be right, and opposing what it believes to be wrong without regard to party politics.'"

McCarthy, who had offered the unsuccessful CIA resolution, said he supposed the editorial was "within the bounds of irresponsibility that should be allowed an editor."

But he envisioned future election campaigns with CIA letters commending criticisms of all sorts of Senators.

Helms, McCarthy said, "owes an apology not only to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and to every Senator who voted for the resolution, but to every member of the United States Senate."

Senate Majority Leader

CIA DIRECTOR



From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) called Helms' letter "a most serious matter" and hoped "it will not become a habit with him."

(In recent weeks, Helms has also written letters partly supporting Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.), who is facing misconduct charges, and backing an undercover CIA agent facing a slander suit.)

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.), agreed the Globe-Democrat letter was "very, very questionable." Sen. Milton Young (R-N.D.) said it was "a

shock" to him. And Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.) called it "very unfortunate."

Fulbright said their words had the sound of music, coming as they did from three members of the oversight committee. He took the occasion to report rumors he'd heard of CIA dabbling in other "domestic affairs," such as various labor union elections. "This is one of the problems you run into when you promote a career man," McCarthy said of Helms who took over as CIA director last month. "But he's a good fellow. I expect he'll adjust in time."

The spanking ended with a report from Saltonstall, who had stepped off the floor to call Helms.

"I asked Mr. Helms if he had written the letter and he said he had," the Senator announced. "He said it was a mistake and he was sorry."

Helms later said he also called Fulbright and said he was sorry again.

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"Maybe I Should Have Used The Good Old Invisible Ink"



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

July 29, 1966

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 16677-16678. Senator McCarthy, (D) Minnesota, spoke concerning a letter printed in the July 27, 1966, issue of the Globe-Democrat sent to the editor by Richard Helms, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The letter was commending the paper for an editorial entitled "Brickbats for Fairbrigt" which appeared in the Globe-Democrat on July 18th. Mr. McCarthy stated: "I suggest that such action by the head of this agency, which depends upon funds from some appropriation—how the money is appropriated is immaterial—is entirely out of order; and we ought to request assurance from the writer of this letter that this policy will be discontinued." Several other Senators joined Mr. McCarthy in his remarks.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 8-1-66

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 16834-16835. Senator Morse, (D) Oregon, requested to have printed in the Record a statement he issued expressing the view that Richard Helms should resign as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Mr. Morse stated "Mr. Helms could hardly wait for confirmation before he twice intruded himself and the CIA in domestic politics and the business of the United States Senate. Taken alone, his letter of public praise to a newspaper for its editorial abuse of the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee concerning an issue that is the business of the Senate disqualifies him for further useful service in his present capacity."

Page A4015. Congressman Scheuer, (D) New York, commented on the letter to the editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat written by Richard Helms, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, praising that newspaper for its editorial attack against the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Scheuer stated "This country cannot tolerate our most secret and sensitive intelligence organization injecting itself into domestic politics. There is already deep concern among many thoughtful Members of both Houses of Congress as to the role of the CIA in our foreign policy. - - - I urge that the proper committees of Congress make a thorough scrutiny of Mr. Helms recent conduct and determine his fitness to continue in this highly sensitive and demanding post."

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October 17, 1966

BY LIAISON

Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

*To Richard Helms
with photo
10/19/66*

Dear Mr. Helms:

It was certainly a pleasure to see you
in my office last Friday. Enclosed is a copy of the
photograph made at that time which I thought you
might like to have as a memento of the occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Liaison Unit

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 10/12/66

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)
REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR

On 10/11/66, Richard Helms, Director, CIA, advised Agent Papich that he would like to pay a courtesy call to the Director. Helms explained that he had this in mind ever since he became Director of the Agency, but he has been holding his request in abeyance until he "had his feet on the ground." Helms stated that he had no plans to bring up any matters of official business. He did give some indication that he might express his concern to the Director on the subject of Soviet and communist propaganda attacks against the Bureau and CIA.

Helms stated that if convenient to the Director he would be free to call at the Bureau Friday afternoon, 10/14/66, or any afternoon during the week of 10/17 - 21/66.

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If approved, the Liaison Agent will transmit the Director's reply to Mr. Helms.

There is enclosed a brief for the Director's assistance in the event he meets with Helms.

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RICHARD HELMS
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)
BRIEF - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR

1-Miss Holmes
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Branigan
1-Liaison
1-Mr. Papich

PERSONAL HISTORY DATA:

Helms was born March 30, 1915, at Saint Davids, Pennsylvania, attended Carteret Academy, New Jersey, private schools in Europe and graduated from Williams College in 1935. He served in the U. S. Navy from July, 1942, until March, 1946, during which period he was also assigned to the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). He has been employed with CIA and its predecessor organization, the Central Intelligence Group, since October, 1946. Prior to World War II he was a newspaperman and was connected with the Indianapolis Times and the United Press. He is married to Julia Helms, the former wife of Frank Shields, President of the Barbasol Company.

During the period 1946 - 1950 Helms handled various intelligence assignments in foreign countries and was considered a specialist on Germany. He came to CIA Headquarters in 1950 and immediately became one of the key officials in the organization. In February, 1962, John McCone appointed Helms to serve as Deputy Director of Plans. He became Deputy Director of the Agency in April, 1965, when Raborn succeeded McCone. He was sworn in as Director of CIA on June 30, 1966.

RELATIONSHIP WITH BUREAU:

We have had occasion to deal with Helms on numerous matters for a period of approximately 15 years. The relationship has been friendly and cordial. He has been cooperative and very definitely careful not to become involved in any conflicts with the Bureau. He has a very significant respect for the Director.

We do have one glaring example of an uncalled-for breach of security which has affected relations between the two Agencies. Early in September, 1966, we developed information indicating that Senator Robert C. Byrd (D - WV) was in possession of Bureau documents and that everything indicated that this material may have come from CIA. The facts were given to CIA and we made it emphatically clear to Helms that unless the Agency could prove to our satisfaction that it

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RICHARD HELMS
BRIEF - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR

was not involved, we were lodging a strong protest. To Helms' credit we did not get mere lip service because he immediately initiated an investigation and the Agency has determined that two of its employees were involved in the submission of a name check request to the Bureau and the subsequent receipt of Bureau information which was passed on to "persons outside of CIA." CIA is continuing its interrogation of the employees and we are awaiting details concerning the identity of the person or persons involved outside of CIA.

Although the information involved in the foregoing instance was not of a sensitive nature, this does not minimize the gravity of the situation when one recognizes the potential for such gross mishandling of security.

CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF BUREAU BUSINESS:

The volume of communications (reports, memoranda, letters, teletypes) between the Bureau and CIA is approximately four times as large as it was in 1955. Both Agencies have become involved in numerous sensitive operations particularly in the Soviet field. The operations have been of such a nature to require efficient coordination. New approaches and techniques by the Soviets have hit both Agencies. We have been able to handle all business with CIA, some of which has been extremely delicate, with a minimum of conflicts.

REPUTATION:

The appointment of Helms as Director of CIA was generally well received within the Agency because he was the first Director who came to that position from the ranks. He has been referred to as a professional intelligence officer fully qualified for his job. He has his critics who sometimes have referred to him as a "smoothy" or an "Ivy League dandy." He can be easily underestimated because he does operate very quietly behind the scenes. He has numerous connections in Congress, in the journalistic world and in high levels of both political parties. From all indications officials in the "U. S. intelligence community" have accepted Helms with an outlook of "wait and see."

STATUS AT WHITE HOUSE:

He is completely subservient to the President and has been going to extremes to avoid irritating the President

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RICHARD HELMS
BRIEF - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR

in any manner whatsoever. He has established what appears to be a good working relationship with Bill Moyers.

HIS PROBLEMS:

Helms got off to a bad start as Director of CIA as a result of some adverse publicity which has not ceased. Shortly after he became Director, a letter was sent from CIA over Helms' signature to the St. Louis Globe Democrat which was somewhat critical of Senator Fulbright. The newspaper published the letter and Helms immediately was the target of widespread criticism for becoming involved in political business. He ended up by apologizing to Fulbright.

Not long after, one of his employees, Hans Tofte, went to the press and the television media criticizing CIA for illegally searching his home, using Gestapo police tactics, etc. CIA had learned that Tofte had collected a large volume of classified material which he had been keeping in his home. Agency employees went into the house and confiscated the material which led to Tofte's complaint including the charge that \$20,000 of jewelry had disappeared. Tofte is now attacking the Agency as being badly disorganized and generally incompetent.

Helms, of course, has inherited problems which have been with CIA since its inception. This includes many deficiencies resulting from tremendous administrative superstructure, lack of sufficient discipline, and continued presence of misfits.

Every CIA Director has had to live with the headaches which go with U. S. involvement in political action activities in foreign countries. Helms is no exception. The classic goof by CIA in this area was the Bay of Pigs fiasco. Under Helms, CIA's political action activity has been considerably restricted pursuant to orders from the White House. Nevertheless, the Agency is still involved in various countries and is, therefore, always vulnerable to potential embarrassment and criticism on the charge of being part of the "invisible government."

CIA is a regular target of propaganda attacks by the Soviets and communists throughout the world. These attacks are taking place through the press, radio, books, etc.

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BRIEF - MEETING WITH DIRECTOR

Much of the material is fabricated. All of this concerns Helms because he personally has become a key target. He possibly could make reference to this particular item when he meets with the Director.

CIA is continually under heavy pressure to produce high quality intelligence in areas such as Cuba and North Vietnam. It is our assessment that CIA has not been able to deliver with any outstanding effectiveness. The Agency has not been successful in infiltrating those areas with measurable success.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

It is possible that CIA has made some significant score in an intelligence operation which has not come to the attention of the Bureau. Based on information coming to our attention, there has been no unusual accomplishment by the Agency since Helms became Director in June, 1966. CIA does continue to collect highly valuable intelligence through sophisticated coverage such as high altitude photography. This goes on in collaboration with the Air Force.

CIA ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES:

In 1964 we initiated discussions with CIA concerning the establishment of ground rules relative to the Agency's activities in the United States. These rules were instituted and have been refined to some extent. We have had a minimum of differences or conflicts.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 10/17/66

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)
MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR, 10/14/66

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Richard Helms met with the Director on 10/14/66.
Present was Liaison Agent Papich.

There was a general discussion concerning the President's trip to the Pacific and the Director expressed concern for the President's safety in view of the wide exposure to Asiatic types who would not hesitate to sacrifice their lives in order to carry out a mission. Helms was particularly concerned about security problems in Manila. The Director referred to the valuable cooperation the Bureau is receiving from countries in the travel area where we have National Academy graduates.

The Director briefly reviewed the problems faced by the Bureau in handling technical surveillances. He emphasized that the Bureau always has been very direct and specific when presenting its position on this particular subject. He commented regarding the need of technical coverage to "fight fire with fire," but he very clearly stressed that it was necessary to maintain a control whereby approval is granted in each case from an appropriate authority such as the Attorney General.

Helms referred to the case of the Bureau information which was leaked to Senator Byrd of West Virginia and which involved CIA employees. Helms apologized for the uncalled-for activity and stated that the "culprits" had been identified and that appropriate disciplinary action was to be initiated.

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RE: RICHARD HELMS

DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR, 10/14/66

The CIA Director referred to CIA's problems emanating from the Hans Tofte case. Tofte is the former CIA employee who has been denouncing CIA and has been publicly commenting concerning the Agency's activities. The Director stated that unauthorized disclosure of classified information has always been a perplexing problem; that it was absolutely wrong; and that there was a need for appropriate legislation.

There was a general discussion concerning the threat of Soviet Intelligence; Soviet propaganda attacks against the Bureau and CIA, the value of double agents and the lack of honesty and objectivity by some newspapers and columnists.

Helms later informed Agent Papich that the meeting was a highlight in his career. He was most impressed with the Director's vigor, his articulate presentation on several difficult problems and his up-to-date knowledge on a variety of significant matters. Helms expressed the hope that he could see the Director from time to time because he felt that discussions coupled with the Director's vast experience and unusual insight into problems served as extremely valuable assistance to him. Helms was very grateful to have the opportunity to be photographed with the Director.

ACTION:

For information.

[Handwritten signatures and initials: a large stylized signature, a signature with a slash, "wcp", "PBD", a checkmark, and "ERC"]

January 3, 1967

BY LIAISON

Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

Enclosed is a copy of the January, 1967,
issue of "The Investigator," the employee publication of
the FBI, which has just been released. I thought you
might like to have this copy as your photograph appears
on page 22 in connection with your visit to FBI Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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NOTE: Address and salutation per Director's letter dated 10-17-66.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS/20*

DATE: 1/5/67

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

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On 1/4/67, Richard Helms, Director, CIA, asked the Liaison Agent to convey his sincere appreciation for the Director's thoughtful transmittal of the January, 1967, issue of "The Investigator," which contained a photograph of the Director and Mr. Helms.

ACTION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
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- 1 - Mr. Papich

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr. *DJB*

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS, DIRECTOR
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DATE: March 11, 1968

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Richard Helms furnished the following to the Liaison Agent on March 7, 1968:

On the evening of March 6, 1968, Helms attended a reception at the Iranian Embassy. While engaged in a conversation with Senator Symington, Soviet Ambassador Dobrynin came up and greeted the Senator. Symington introduced Helms, and a few moments later Helms quietly left the two.

On the afternoon of March 7, 1968, Maxine Cheshire, Society Editor for "The Washington Post," contacted Senator Symington and told him that she had seen the Senator, Helms, and the Soviet Ambassador together at the Iranian Embassy affair. Miss Cheshire inquired if this was the first meeting between Helms and Dobrynin. The Senator told her that as far as he knew Helms may have met Dobrynin at some other social gathering. The Senator wanted to call this to Helms's attention since he received the impression that Miss Cheshire may have had in mind to write some kind of article emphasizing the significance of Helms's meeting with Dobrynin.

Helms advised that he has seen Dobrynin at other affairs, but this was the first time that he was introduced to the Soviet Ambassador. He stated that he did not engage in any conversation with the Soviet.

ACTION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
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- 1 - Mr. Branigan
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- 1 - Mr. Papich

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Honorable Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

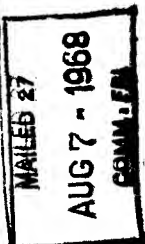
Dear Mr. Helms:

Thank you for your letter of August 2nd
and I appreciate your kind comments concerning my
message in the August issue of the FBI Law Enforce-
ment Bulletin. It is certainly encouraging to receive
your expression of support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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2 August 1968

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I had occasion to read your "Message from the Director" dated 1 August in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. I simply wanted to say how much I agree with it and, without being gratuitous, commend you for speaking out so forthrightly. We need more of this in the country these days.

Always cordially,

Richard Helms
Richard Helms

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: July 18, 1969

FROM: D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: NEW LEFT IN EUROPE

COMMENTS OF RICHARD HELMS

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

1 - C.D. DeLoach
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SYNOPSIS:

Richard Helms, Director, CIA, recently conferred with and received briefings from intelligence chiefs in Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, France, and Holland. Included in briefings was subject of the New Left. Helms advised Liaison Agent July 16, 1969, that briefings and discussions disclosed: (1) the similarities in the history and development of the New Left in the United States and in Europe, (2) the tremendous and often underestimated influence of mass communication media (TV, radio, newspapers, etc.), (3) no intelligence service produced evidence that New Left leaders or organizations were dominated or controlled by communist bloc intelligence services or by a communist party; Cuban intelligence service in France did have contact with students but not to the extent of being a dominating influence, (4) police in Europe have learned that most riots can be prevented or controlled by having adequate advance intelligence information and then moving in with massive manpower, (5) no evidence that New Left groups and leaders are being financed by communist bloc countries. Money coming from wealthy donors, affluent parents of leaders, and fund collection drives, (6) Soviets do not find it necessary to employ any extensive machinery to achieve results because social and political conditions in all countries offer the necessary ingredients for development of student agitation, (7) all intelligence services agree that employment of technical surveillances, mail coverage, etc. are necessary techniques.

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For information.

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Memorandum D.J. Brennan to W.C. Sullivan
RE: NEW LEFT IN EUROPE
COMMENTS OF RICHARD HELMS
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

DETAILS:

Richard Helms, Director, CIA, recently returned from a three-week trip to Europe, where he conferred with intelligence chiefs in Great Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland, and Holland. He was afforded extensive briefings among which included the subject of the New Left. You may be interested in the following comments which were volunteered by Helms to the Liaison Agent on July 16, 1969.

The briefings brought out two very distinctive factors, namely, (1) the similarities in the history and the development of New Left activities in Europe and in the United States, (2) the tremendous and usually underestimated influence of mass communication media (TV, radio, newspapers, etc.). Helms explained that most of the universities in Europe are experiencing the same problems as our institutions in the United States and most of the student leaders come from affluent sectors of European society. A riot or demonstration taking place in one country is being viewed on TV by students in another country. It is not necessary for radical groups to set up elaborate means of communicating needed knowledge when practically all of the significant information is being visually transmitted to several countries. This even includes the revelation of techniques being employed on the streets to disrupt local law enforcement. In each country where Helms visited, the authorities emphasized the failure of the average citizen to fully appreciate the significance of mass media influence.

In the countries visited, Helms did not receive any evidence whatsoever indicating that New Left leaders or organizations were being dominated or controlled by communist bloc intelligence services or by any communist party. In Paris he was told that the Cuban intelligence service through its propaganda and contacts did get involved with French students but never to the point of affording any control or direction.

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

Police services in all of the countries were unanimous in concluding practically all riots can be prevented or rapidly placed under control if (1) adequate advance intelligence information is obtained regarding preparations for the meeting and (2) the police make certain that they appear in the area with "mass manpower."

None of the intelligence services have come up with any evidence to clearly show that New Left leaders or organizations are being financed by any communist bloc country. Experience so far shows that the funds are coming from donations from wealthy supporters, from affluent parents of some of the leaders, and from fund collection drives sponsored by various organizations.

With regard to the position of the Soviet Government, Helms was told that so far it has not been necessary for the Soviets to set up any elaborate, clandestine machinery for the promotion of the New Left disruption activity. The intelligence chiefs all agree that the social and political conditions in all of the countries provide all the necessary ingredients for fomenting unrest, and it is only necessary for the Soviets to follow and profit from the developments. The intelligence services agree that the Soviets undoubtedly are looking at radical students as potential recruits and indirectly they must be affording some guidance. It was stressed to Helms that conditions do not make it necessary for the Soviets to expend a lot of manpower or to show their hand; so much is taking place without the assistance or involvement of the Russians.

Helms learned that the foreign services have been slow in appreciating the significance of the threat of black nationalists such as the Black Panthers. Most of the foreigners look at the

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

Black Panthers as strictly a U.S. problem, and there has been a reluctance to become actively involved in coverage of these individuals when they travel to the various European countries. Helms is hoping that he can improve this situation through the various CIA offices.

Wherever Helms traveled, it was agreed that for any intelligence or internal security service to acquire the intelligence information needed, it was absolutely necessary to employ techniques such as technical surveillances, mail coverage, etc. This is no problem in Europe because most countries application of such techniques is considered an elementary tool for the internal security service involved.

Wf *W.C.*

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THE MAN MOST LIKELY TO TAKE OVER THE F.B.I.



Next January, John Edgar Hoover — a legend in his own lifetime—retires as America's F.B.I. chief at the age of 74. Whoever succeeds him will not find the job easy for Hoover, in Lyndon Johnson's words, is "a hero to millions." But the man most likely to try is Richard McGarrah Helms, Director of Central Intelligence for America's C.I.A., and strongly tipped for Hoover's job.

Helms

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HE sits behind a massive, glass-topped desk in Room 75706 on the seventh floor of a skyscraper block at Langley, Virginia.

He is over six feet tall, thin, dark-haired and good looking. And on his broad shoulders rests the huge responsibility of controlling a multi-million dollar espionage organization with branches throughout the world.

Likely successor

His name is Richard McGarragh Helms, Director of Central Intelligence for America's CIA — the man who, according to influential circles in Washington, is the most likely successor to John Edgar Hoover when the FBI boss retires in January.

The transition from being his country's top spy to becoming the world's most powerful police chief will not be easy. As for former American President, Lyndon Johnson has said: "Hoover is a hero to millions of people, and an anathema to evil men."

But if any man can do it, it is Helms.

As personalities, Helms and Hoover have much in common. Both are profes-

sionals in the true meaning of the word, and both are softly-spoken men of great intelligence, renowned for their utter honesty and complete lack of political ties. They are also sticklers for hard work.

Although 74 years of age, Hoover is in his office by 8.30 every morning and rarely leaves before 6.30 p.m. And when a big case breaks, he works round the clock, personally directing his men and taking all the major decisions.

Bureau of Investigation, the job he has held ever since and through which he has become a legend in his own lifetime.

Indeed, President Johnson actually passed a special law to allow Hoover to remain in office after his seventieth birthday.

Richard Helms, on the other hand, has followed a variety of careers. Born in March, 1913, in St. David's, Pennsylvania — the fashionable suburb of Philadelphia — he never knew the hardships

By DAVID LEWIS

Helms, too, works long hours and is frequently in his office to well past midnight.

But there is one big difference; whereas Hoover is a violent anti-communist, Helms most certainly is not. He is by no means a liberal, but a close associate explained: "He doesn't follow the FBI-style hard-line anti-communist policy."

The careers of the two men have also followed very different patterns. Hoover started working for the government when he was eighteen, carrying messages in the Library of Congress by day, and studying law by night.

In 1917, he joined the U.S. Bureau of Justice and gained rapid promotion. By 1924, aged 29, he was head of the

His family were wealthy and, soon after his birth, moved to Europe. He was educated at schools in France and Germany and grew up fluent in both languages. Leaving school he joined United Press as a European reporter and scooped his colleagues by gaining exclusive interviews with Hitler. He left reporting and became an advertising executive.

During the Second World War, he joined the Navy, then volunteered for the Office of Strategic Service — the famous OSS which was later renamed the CIA.

After the war he stayed in Intelligence, rising slowly but with increasing certainty to the top. But internal and

external political pressures thwarted him of the big prize when former CIA chief John Alex McCone retired.

Instead, President Johnson brought in an outside man — Admiral "Red" Raborn. It was a disastrous move. After serving for only fourteen months — the shortest period of any CIA head — Raborn left for a job in industry. This time, Helms was not by-passed.

Political intrigue

When Hoover joined the FBI, the organization was corrupt and riddled with political intrigue. He immediately cleaned it up and formed a powerful weapon to fight the increasing number of gangsters springing up in the wake of prohibition.

It is said that in his entire career Hoover has, personally, only arrested one man. It happened in 1936 when his no-arrest record was becoming the subject of sarcastic comment in the Senate.

Hoover decided to prove his skill and courage by arresting notorious gangster Alvin Karpis, who was then listed as America's Public Enemy Number One. Karpis was so confident of remaining free that he once boasted he would stroll into the FBI headquarters and gun Hoover down. This confidence proved to be his undoing. Hoover flew down to New Orleans with a team of hand-picked men. And when Karpis one day strolled to his car, surrounded by his bodyguards, Hoover pounced. He raced down the pavement with his men and, before the startled gangsters could reach for their guns, Hoover had grabbed Karpis.

"Put the handcuffs on him," he yelled. But to their embarrassment none of the agents had brought a pair...

So Karpis was bound with Hoover's tie!

That was Hoover's one and only arrest. But his force of 6,000 agents, in 55 field offices and 500 well-placed sub-offices throughout the country, have been welded into a powerful organization which, many experts believe, is the greatest crime fighting force in the world.

Certainly the man who heads it has incredible authority. The FBI boss virtually has a free hand to counter political and criminal subversion in whatever way he likes.

It was Hoover's violent hatred of communism which led to the break-up of the party's open organization in the States. At one time so many of his agents had been infiltrated that it was said, quite seriously, that only their subscriptions kept it going.

Because of this, the work of the FBI and CIA have frequently overlapped often with serious results. So perhaps Helms's expected transfer will not be such a great step after all.

Scandal

Another reason why Helms is strongly fancied to take over at the FBI is the increasing criticism being directed against the CIA.

The scandal of the "Green Berets" in Vietnam, where eight men are held on a charge of conspiring to murder a double-agent, has dent-ed still further the Agency's unpopular image. Only a few days ago Helms was attacked by the U.S. Secretary of State for trying to stir up trouble between Russia and China over their border dispute.

All of which may suggest to President Nixon that a new broom in both departments wouldn't do any harm. And a less aggressive anti-communist line by the FBI, he could feel, might well encourage Moscow/Washington relations.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: February 14, 1970

FROM : R. I. Shroder

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1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Schutz
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SUBJECT: ANONYMOUS THREAT AGAINST
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
DIRECTOR HELMS AND PRESIDENT
NIXON, POSTMARKED AT MORGANTOWN,
WEST VIRGINIA, 2-11-70
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

(S) At 9:48 a. m., 2-14-70, Duty Officer [redacted] of the
Central Intelligence Agency telephonically advised Extra-Duty Supervisor
[redacted] that a letter had been received by Central Intelligence Agency
addressed to Director Helms which contained a threat against both Helm
and President Nixon. The envelope was postmarked 2-11-70, at Morgar
town, West Virginia, and contained a scrap of paper with the message
"I'm going to kill you after I kill the President." [redacted] stated he
has advised Secret Service of receipt of the above and that Secret Service
is handling the matter and is picking up the letter from Central Intelligence
Agency.

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4649 Garfield Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

December 17, 1982

OUTSIDE SOURCE

The Honorable William H. Webster
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Bill:

I was saddened to note that four Bureau agents were killed in an airplane crash. I know what a blow it is to lose fine officers even in an accident of this kind. In addition, the tragedy for the families tends to cast a pall over the entire organization. Please accept on behalf of all concerned my heartfelt condolences.

Sadly,

Rich

Richard Helms

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January 20, 1983

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Mr. Richard Helms
4649 Garfield Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Dick:

I just wanted to send this short note to thank you on behalf of the entire FBI family for your warm letter of understanding and condolence following the tragic airplane crash which took the lives of four of our Agents. We appreciate your thinking of us and sharing in our loss, and I know the family members are also deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness and concern.

Sincerely,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster
Director

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WILLIAM WEBSTER

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAVE RECEIVED A VOLUMINOUS NUMBER OF LETTERS CONTAINING VAGUE THREATS FROM [REDACTED] SINCE 1961. FOUR OF THESE LETTERS WERE TURNED OVER TO POSTAL AUTHORITIES WHO REFERRED THEM TO FBI, CHICAGO. THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AT CHICAGO DECLINED PROSECUTION ON JULY 12, 1977, AND THE

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AT KNOXVILLE DECLINED PROSECUTION ON
SEPTEMBER 2, 1977, IN VIEW OF MENTAL CONDITION.

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Prosecution Of Helms Ruled Out

By Bob Woodward
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Justice Department announced yesterday that former Central Intelligence Agency Director Richard M. Helms and others will not be prosecuted for their roles in a 1971 break-in at a Fairfax photo studio.

Helms' attorney, Edward Bennett Williams, said afterward that the Justice Department decision means the current CIA director, George Bush, has the right to approve break-ins if he deems them necessary to protect national security.

Williams applauded the move not to prosecute Helms as "an unusually smart decision" and noted that the 1947 National Security Act imposed an obligation on the CIA director to protect security.

"If the government has a right to conduct electronic surveillance," Williams said, "then it has a right to make surreptitious entry."

He said that Helms believes the law should be changed so that the CIA director does not have such power.

Informed sources in the Justice Department reported last month that they expected Helms to be prosecuted on a misdemeanor charge after he acknowledged that he personally approved the break-in to gather information about a former CIA employee suspected of a security violation.

The Justice Department investigation involved the Feb. 19, 1971, break-in at the now-defunct Roland Studio on the second floor of 10419 Main St. in Fairfax City. Three Fairfax City policemen apparently cooperated by ensuring that no one interrupted the CIA break-in team.

The Justice Department was prepared to take the matter to the grand jury for prosecution last month be-

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U.S. Won't Prosecute Helms

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fore department attorneys began a series of three meetings with Williams, according to government sources.

In an unusual press release—the Justice Department rarely announces a decision not to prosecute—Attorney General Edward H. Levi said the department concluded that the case did not meet a Supreme Court standard set in a 1945 decision.

The standard, according to the press release, would require the Justice Department to show that Helms "willfully" deprived an individual of a specific and well-defined constitutional right" by approving the break-in.

Justice Department sources said that Helms clearly thought he had the authority to approve a break-in and did so to complete a security investigation of Deborah Fitzgerald, who ran the photo studio.

"It was impossible to prove he (Helms) had intent to violate anyone's civil rights," one Justice Department source said yesterday. "It is regrettable that this puts him out of reach of the law and many seem to be an endorsement of breaking and entering," the source added.

The 1947 law setting up the CIA says, "The director of central intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure."

Under this law Justice Department attorneys said they felt Helms could rea-

sonably argue the protection required extraordinary means.

On the other hand, the attorneys said, there was evidence indicating the break-in was approved to close out the security violation investigation and the CIA had no evidence that the national security was in immediate danger.

The photo studio was run by Fitzgerald and Orlando Nunez, a former middle-level official in the Castro government in Cuban.

Sources said that both were under CIA surveillance after Fitzgerald, while working in the records division of the CIA, tried to

find out what CIA files existed on Nunez, Fitzgerald and Nunez have since married and separated.

Levi said that the decision not to prosecute Helms, now ambassador to Iran, was based on recommendations of Deputy Attorney General Harold R. Tyler Jr. and Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger, head of the Civil Rights Division and in charge of the investigation.

The break-in, but not Helms' role in it, was first publicly revealed last year by a presidential commission headed by Vice President Rockefeller in a report on CIA abuses.

The Justice Department did not specify others who would not be prosecuted in the Fairfax break-in, but reliable sources said that Richard Ober, a CIA official now assigned to the National Security Council, was one of those under investigation in the case.

A separate Justice Department investigation into possible perjury by Helms is continuing. This investigation focuses on Helms' sworn testimony denying a CIA role in domestic surveillance and in providing covert support to certain political factions in Cuba.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar

TO: Mr. E. S. Miller

DATE: 12/14/72

FROM: W. O. Cregar

SUBJECT: RICHARD HELMS
DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Mr. Tolson
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Following the regularly scheduled meeting of the United States Intelligence Board this morning, Mr. Helms called a short Executive Session. His purpose was to advise members regarding his future in view of the extensive speculation appearing in the newspapers regarding his leaving the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Helms stated that he plans to retire in the very near future although he gave no specific date. It is to be noted that Helms will be 60 years old in March of 1973. He has enforced a rule making it mandatory that employees retire from active service with CIA upon reaching the age of 60.

Helms noted that he has absolutely no idea who might succeed him as the Director of CIA other than that which he reads in the newspaper. He stated he has had no conversation with the President and has no idea when an announcement will be made. He did state that the issues discussed in the newspaper regarding his disagreements with Dr. Kissinger are completely false, and that minutes of the United States Intelligence Board meetings would clearly show he had no substantive disagreements with Dr. Kissinger.

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